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CELEBRATING THEIR NEW PARTNERSHIP (from left to right): Agawam Police Chief Robert D. Campbell, Springfield Juvenile Probation Officers Robert Martin and Jerry Sibilia, Jr., Agawam School Resource Officer Karen Langevin, and Agawam Police Sergeant Richard Curry. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Police Dept. & Juvenile Probation Officers Form Partnership To Prevent Delinquency And Reduce Violence And Crime In Schools, Community

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For kids caught up in the juvenile court system, justice doesn't end at the door of the courthouse. The terms of probation under which juvenile offenders are allowed to return home are meant to be taken seriously and followed to the letter.

Some probationers used to treat those conditions as something of a joke. But, not any longer in the communities where the local police departments are teaming up with probation enforcement officers to make sure kids are conforming to the terms of their probation.

Agawam just became the latest Hampden County town to join in the growing trend.

Agawam Police Chief Robert D. Campbell announced a partnership has been formed between his department and the Juvenile Probation Department of the Springfield Juvenile Court as an alliance creating an opportunity to more actively and effectively supervise offenders in the community as a proactive team.

"We have more probationers in Agawam than most people realize because of the privacy laws protecting juvenile records," Campbell said. "The Springfield Probation Office will be providing us with information on the terms and conditions of the probationers and we'll be monitoring them. If there are any violations, appropriate action will be

taken at that time."

School Resource Officer Karen Langevin welcomes the new partnership as a means of getting a better understanding of the kids who have gotten into trouble. Knowing the terms of their probation will help her with following up on youthful offenders both in school and in the community, Officer Langevin said.

Probation Officer Robert Martin said the program will support Officer Langevin by letting her know if a particular kid is supposed to be attending school, going to work, observing a curfew for being at home, or is allowed to attend school under a zero curfew requiring him or her to be at home when not in school.

"What would be normal behavior for most kids could be a violation for a kid on probation," Martin pointed out. "Officer Langevin will know the conditions of each probation."

One Of The First Initiatives...

One of the first initiatives being planned for the fledgling partnership found the probation officers teaming with police officers to make sure the closing day of school at the Junior High School is

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No Increase In Taxes; Nothing Cut From The Mayor's Proposal...

Town Council Unanimously Supports Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The \$45.2 million operating budget proposed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson sailed through the review process with the unanimous approval of Town Council at Monday night's meeting. The budget remained intact after one councilor's attempt to cut a retitled position failed to win the support of any other councilors.

The \$45.2 million operating budget proposed by the Mayor is up \$2,656,553 or 6.24 percent over last year. The \$1 million capital improvement budget includes educational technology, road and sidewalk improvements, additional funding for the Agawam Library expansion design, a new roof for the Police Station, and funding for school library materials.

The largest area of increase is the School Department, which is up \$1,479,123 (6.3 percent) over last year; on the town side, spending is up \$646,751, or 4.4 percent. Overall, the largest areas of increase in the budget proposal accounting for an increase of more than \$1.29 million are debt service, benefits and insurance, and a 53rd pay day for town employees. There are 53 Thursdays in the next fiscal year.

On behalf of himself and the absent Councilor Dennis Perry, Councilor Edward Caba objected to funding \$25,589 for a position identified as personnel assistant, apparently on the belief that the position was an attempt to circumvent the council's denial of Johnson's plan to create a new, confidential assistant position in the personnel office last year.

Caba said Perry had asked him to convey their feeling that the money should be stricken from the budget. Caba added that he did not believe the workload in the Personnel Department had increased to the point of warranting "this kind of move." The chairman of the council budget subcommittee reviewing the section which contains the funds for the personnel office, Caba said he did not raise the issue when the committee met with the Mayor. Perry was not present at the meeting.

Invited by the council to explain the reasons behind the creation of the position, Johnson said it was the result of a negotiated settlement with the clerical union and did not represent the creation of an additional position, nor was it the same position rejected by the council last year. Personnel assistant is the new name for a former senior clerk position and will carry a new job description that more accurately reflects the duties performed by the person holding the job, Johnson said.

"The union felt this position should be called by a different name than senior clerk, a position that has been in existence for years," Johnson said. "They wanted a job description to cover the position."

Caba was alone in voting to cut the \$25,589 from the budget. Johnson said he would be meeting with the union soon to determine if the salary for the position will be changed.

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free of the shaving cream incidents that have plagued school officials and the businesses neighboring the school in years past.

"We're not going to tolerate some of the activities of the past," Martin pledged.

Sergeant Richard Curry, Agawam's liaison officer to the county justice meetings sponsored by District Attorney William Bennett, first brought the program to Campbell's attention. Curry will oversee the process of exchanging information and will orchestrate meetings between the probation officers and the APD detectives, the uniform division, and the school officers to implement the program.

"We want this to be a partnership with the whole department," Campbell said.

Probation Officer Jerry Sibilia, Jr., said their efforts will focus on some of the hot spots where kids tend to congregate and sometimes get into trouble. Although modeled on the successful program "Nite-Ride," created by the probation department in Lynn, Massachusetts, the probation profile program in Agawam will not be limited to night rides by either the probation officers or the police officers.

In its infancy, the program is already showing some results. One probationer, sick of having to dodge the police officers trying to pick him up for a probation violation, turned himself in, Sibilia said.

"We'll be doing some daytime activities as well as night rides and if they want us to help out if kids are causing a problem at Games and Lanes or Riverside Park, we'll do that as well," Sibilia added.

Open The Lines Of Communication...

Campbell said the program will significantly open the lines of communication between the police, the Probation Department, and the families of the offenders.

"Unannounced visits become gentle reminders of probation conditions and restrictions," Campbell said. "They also provide the officers with an opportunity to inform family members of conditions of probation that they may not be aware of, thus bringing the family into the process of probation."

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With the goal of preventing delinquency and reducing violence and crime in the schools and in the community, the probation profile program makes it clear that probation will be enforced, provides a deterrent for future violations, and provides a deterrent effect for potential lawbreakers who will know that justice will not end when they leave court, Campbell said.

"We welcome the opportunity to become involved in such a worthwhile program," Campbell said.

Some of the activities that will be taking place under the umbrella of the probation profile program include serving violation of probation warrants and notices; monitoring compliance with curfew orders and substance abuse; conducting address verification; monitoring living conditions; giving out appointment notices; and meeting with family members and significant others.

The probation officers will be serving with police officers in both marked and unmarked cars, visiting probationers at home, on the job, and throughout their neighborhoods.

"As word of the program spreads, the kids are going to know we're out there and the probation officers are out there. This will be an excellent deterrent because they're not going to know when we'll show up," Curry said.

Sibilia is hoping that peer pressure (from friends trying to keep a probationer from getting into more trouble) will assist with the goal of delinquency prevention by keeping kids from violating their probation conditions.

According to the probation officers, parents have been the most vocal supporters of the program. Working with treatment programs, social service agencies, and community institutions, probation officers are spending more supervision time out in the communities.

As a result, the officers notice an increase in respect for complying with the terms of probation and a change in attitudes regarding the presence of the officers in the neighborhoods.

Campbell agreed that some parents will welcome the program as a way to help them deal with their out-of-control youngsters rather than calling the police.

"Now the parents who sometimes feel helpless will know that there is a support system out there to help them," Campbell said.

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Locker Rooms & Boys'/Girls' Bathrooms...

Reporting on her committee's work in reviewing the budget for the Building Maintenance Department, committee chairwoman (Councilor) Jill Simpson said she had originally questioned the fact that there had not been a substantial increase in funding to address the conditions of the locker rooms and the boys' and girls' bathrooms at the High School in light of the accreditation report.

Mrs. Simpson said the committee was told that Building Maintenance would be coming to the council for a transfer of funds to pay for new lockers once the bidding process was complete. After examining the logs used by High School janitors to record conditions throughout the day in the bathrooms, Mrs. Simpson said, "I was shocked to find out this is not just at the High School. It would not be appropriate to read aloud from these logs at a council meeting. Some of the conditions in the bathrooms are deplorable because of what the students are doing. This is far more than a little graffiti on the walls."

Before the council invests a large sum of money in making major repairs in school bathrooms, Mrs. Simpson said the School Department would have to demonstrate that they are taking responsibility for disciplining the students who are creating the problems.

"Before we pour in money, we have to be sure it's not going to be destroyed in six months," Mrs. Simpson said.

In his budget message to the council, Johnson said his budget provides for high-quality services without imposing new fees, raising the property tax levy, or seeking an override of Proposition 2 1/2.

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Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson

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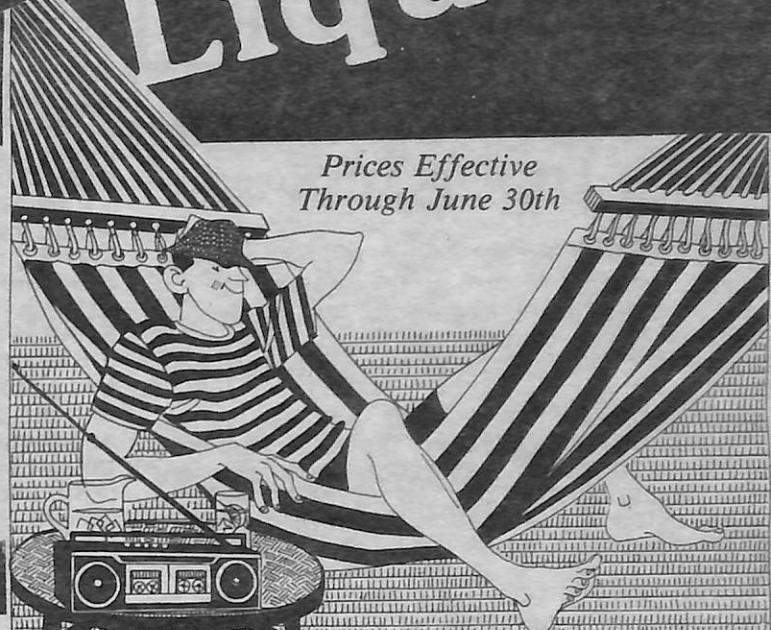
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Letters To The Editor

No Corporation Has The Right To Deny Freedom Of Speech

To The Editor:

Four-and-one-half years ago, Berkshire Power Development (BPD) forced themselves on our town. At that time, a large group of us opposed the plant based on provable health, safety, environmental, property values, and zoning concerns.

All which have come to pass. Because we had such a strong case, BPD attempted to eliminate opposition to the project through financial incentives. Having failed to buy out all the opposition, they resorted to intimidation, bullying, and other unsavory tactics towards those who remained in the fight.

BPD went so far as to call a press conference to falsely accuse some of us of extortion and terrorism. After allowing BPD plenty of time to state their false charges, TV stations that aired the press conference refused to allow us equal time to rebut the phony charges. Through all of BPD's efforts, we continued to exercise our right to free speech and to keep the community protectively informed of the true nature of the project.

The more we spoke out and disseminated the true facts of BPD and their operation, the more intimidating and unsavory BPD became, until finally, they selectively filed a Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (SLAPP) suit. BPD was successful in frightening off some and buying off others. Those that BPD got to were also forced to sign statements of confidentiality that would penalize them if they, or anyone associated with them, spoke in opposition to the project.

Still, through it all, the four of us remaining, rejected all intimidation and refused to be silenced. We in turn filed a counterclaim as a means of protection. We hold dear our right to free speech and our right to defend our community. We refused to put a price on our Constitutional rights or sell out our town and neighbors. The remaining defendants, Agawam residents Louis Russo, Peter Longo, Barbara Peterson, and Michael Del Negro, asked Superior Court Judge Peter Velis to dismiss the suit based on the state's anti-SLAPP suit statute. The anti-SLAPP suit law allows victims to bring a special motion to dismiss a case when they are being sued to force their silence on an issue.

Most of the Agawam City Council supported us in the SLAPP suit issue by asking BPD to drop the charges against us. BPD refused unless we dropped our protective counterclaim. Given the circumstances caused by BPD, we could not agree to drop our counterclaim.

First, to do so meant that we would have to sign a non-disclosure clause and promise to be silent. We could never do that, since that is exactly what we refused to do and what the fight was about. Secondly, if we were to simply drop the counterclaim, we would have no chance of being exonerated.

It was BPD that filed the SLAPP suit, just as it was they who didn't tell the truth about us being extortionists and terrorists at their press conference. Because of their actions and false statements against us, they placed a stigma over our heads that still exists today. Since they would never admit they weren't telling the truth, our only chance at vindication was through the courts.

In finding in our favor, Judge Velis stated, "At their very best, all of Berkshire Power's claims against the CCBA remain extremely weak, bordering on the frivolous."

The Berkshire Power project has become widely known across the country because of the con-

troversy it has spawned. Because of BPD's strong-arm tactics, the town has been split apart, court battles have been waged, the political atmosphere has become exceedingly volatile, and citizens harmed.

Furthermore, BPD filed suit against the town, which the Mayor refused to defend. As a result, some of us took up the fight and defended the town's laws in court.

To date, of all the court cases and appeals, BPD has never prevailed. It is only when the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB), a division of the state Department of Public Utilities, intervened on their behalf and allowed BPD to build.

The EFSB, a non-judicial and non-legislative appointed body, set a precedent by granting an independent power producer public utility status.

However, most experts believe that the EFSB would have been overruled in court if only our Mayor defended the town instead of BPD. Instead, the local zoning bylaws throughout the state are useless against companies like BPD until the EFSB is challenged in court.

Still, after all that has happened, we feel that this case proves that no one individual or corporation has the right to deny any of us our freedoms, and those who are denied can fight and win. All it takes is the willingness to stand up for what is right, and not be scared off by those who wish to do wrong.

Thank you,
Louis Russo
Feeding Hills

Agawam Should Follow West Spfld.'s Non-Smoking Example

To The Editor:

The question of whether or not a town loses business when it goes smoke-free seems to have been conclusively answered by the article by Connie Hutton, a member of the West Springfield Board of Health.

I think all members of our Board of Health should read what she wrote before they vote on

which direction our town will take.

We, the non-smokers of Agawam, thank you, Connie, for your support. West Springfield should be very proud that it was one of the first to show that it really cared for the health of its citizens.

Are you listening, Agawam?

Sincerely,
Millicent Barnard
Feeding Hills

Thank You For Supporting E.B.'s Wing-Eating Contest

To The Editor:

On June 3rd, E.B.'s in Agawam held its eighth annual wing-eating contest to benefit the *Daniel A. Larson Foundation*, which offers support and services to local families of homicide victims.

Congratulations go out to our two winners, *Andy Leete* (TNT contest), and *Bill Brennar* (Midway contest).

Hosted and entertained by the *Guitar Dudes*, this year's *Wingest '99* was once again a huge success. Over the past four years, E.B.'s has raised over \$10,000 for the Larson Foundation.

We feel this is a testament to the generosity of businesses and individuals in this community. Below is a list of donators and volunteers we would like to give a special thank you to:

Oak Ridge CC, Shaker Farms CC, Blimpie's (Feeding Hills), Stop & Shop, Christo's, Games and Lanes, Sam Adams (Kim Beaudry), TV22 News, Guitar Dudes, Mike Brunelle, Mark Laurenzano, Helen Marganti, Shelley Reed, Mrs. Hanson's 12th grade class at Holyoke High School, Agawam CC, The Bag Man, Luigi's Pizza and Pasta, Chi-Chi's, Milton Bradley, Carroll Travel, Taylor Rental, News40, Agawam Advertiser News, Richie White, Jody Wright, Matt "Pots" Canata, Doug Reed, Agawam Liquor Commission, and Riverside Park.

Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the night with us. We hope to see you all again next year when we again promise it will be bigger and better!!

Ed Borgatti & Dan LaBreck
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Melconian To Host Open House At Her New District Office On Wed., June 30th

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that she is hosting an Open House at the new location of her district office at 664 Union Street in West Springfield on Wednesday, June 30th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

"The new office is situated on the ground floor, is easily accessible, and constituents are en-

couraged to call for an appointment when they have requests with which our office can assist them. No problem is too large or too insignificant for us not to confront together," said Senator Melconian.

Senator Melconian's District Office is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Keenan Supports Grassroots WWII Memorial Campaign

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that he is lending his support to the National World War II Memorial Campaign. Keenan has contributed to the grassroots campaign, and urges the community to also get involved.

"The sacrifices made by this generation should be recognized," stated Keenan. "I am honored to offer any assistance that I can."

During his five years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Keenan has established himself as a strong advocate for veterans and veterans' issues. Highlights of Keenan's record include his work as a key member of a special committee which eliminated the practice of taxing a veteran's pension in Massachusetts, as well as his efforts to locate the first state veterans' cemetery in Agawam.

The National World War II Memorial Campaign is a grassroots effort to raise the necessary funds to construct a National World War II Memorial. The Memorial will be constructed on the Mall in Washington, D.C., to memorialize the contributions of every American that played a role in winning World War II.

Primary funding for the \$100 million Memorial must be raised from private contributions. Anyone interested in contributing or learning more about the Memorial Campaign should contact Field Representative Robert Miller at (413) 569-3876 or Rep. Keenan's office at (413) 786-4545.

Berkshire Power Gives Two Computers To Senior Center

The Agawam Senior Center has recently received and installed two new computers in its computer lab, bringing the total number of units available for public use to six.

The new computers were donated by the Berkshire Power Corporation.

Rules for use of any of the computers are posted in the lab and it is requested that persons sign-up in advance with the Activity Department.

For more information, call the Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

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Kristyn D. Miller To Serve As Summer Intern For Melconian

Massachusetts Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that she has selected Kristyn D. Miller as an intern in her district office for the months of June and July.

A public relations major at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia, Kristyn will bring a fresh voice and a solid urban community perspective to the Majority Leader's office.

Kristyn, daughter of John and Gwen Miller of Springfield, leads a well-rounded and versatile life academically and socially at Virginia State University. She has become a member of the Mass Communications Club and is treasurer for the 1999-2000 school year. An active member in the Betterment of Brothers and Sisters organization, Kristyn holds an editor and reporter position with the campus newspaper, *The Virginia Statesman*.

Writing in the aspect of public relations, she has presented various writing assignments on the president of Virginia State University's salary, the annual Trojan Perspective, which is a column that represents various students' opinions on issues in the world and at the university, and various events held on campus that reflect the student body's various majors and interests.

Kristyn is highly anticipating her summer internship with the Senator and the many responsibilities she will have, including administrative duties, drafting press releases, assisting staff, and helping constituents with their problems.

"I'm very excited and appreciative of this opportunity. I am now able to experience first-hand the do's and don'ts of politics and its extraordinary benefits to our society. I will be sure to make Senator Melconian a household name on the campus of Virginia State University," states Kristyn.

"Kristyn is a very bright and talented young woman who is eager to learn and experience the many dimensions of our internship program, which will enable her to become a stronger and more knowledgeable force in her community and at Virginia State University," stated Majority Leader Melconian.

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Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Thanks For All Of Your Help This Memorial Day

Flagging of veterans' graves at the Springfield Street and Center cemeteries: members of VFW Post 1632, American Legion Post 185, American Legion Auxiliary Post 185 (headed by President Mary Ellen Morissette), and all of the residents who came out to give us a hand.

Agawam Police Auxiliary: safety and traffic control.

Jack Stone and the Agawam DPW crew under Mike Piccin: set-up and Street of Flags.

Tony Albro and Agawam Building Maintenance: Veteran's Green set-up.

Liz Greenway and Walnut Street Cleaners: cleaning of American flags.

Richard Stepanik and Sons: memorial urns.

Agawam Junior Women's Club: plantings for gazebo at Veterans' Green.

UNICO: refreshments.

Jack Kunasek: help with parade lineup.

Southworth Paper Co.: use of staging area and paper for programs.

Harold Davis: Honor Roll fundraising sign.

The Agawam Advertiser News: all of their support on PR.

American Legion Post 185 and VFW Post 1632.

Boy Scout Troop 78: Flagpole Dedication Project.

Chez Josef: for donation of pastries at Veterans' Green.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Andrea Luginbuhl of Agawam for the handmade afghan to be raffled off at the Agawam Veterans' Council Golf Tournament to be held at St. Ann's Country Club on August 21st to raise funds for the Agawam Honor Roll.

We could not have had the successful Memorial Day parade and ceremonies without your generosity and assistance. It takes a team effort. Thank you very much!

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Nancy Thompson Announces Mayoral Run

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Midway through her eighth year serving on Town Council, Nancy Thompson announced last week that she is in the running to lead the town into the year 2,000 and pick up where the incumbent Mayor leaves off when he clears out his desk in January.

"I will continue to serve the community by providing progressive leadership and I will build on the solid foundation established by Mayor Johnson," Ms. Thompson promised in launching her campaign at the Captain Charles Leonard House. "It's going to take getting my message out to the people and letting them know I'm the right person for the job, what my views are, and how I will accomplish my goals."

Ms. Thompson's son, Ed Korza, will handle the campaign finances. Rather than appointing a traditional campaign manager early in the race, Ms. Thompson is relying on a small group of close friends and supporters to act as an advisory committee in organizing her campaign. So far that approach has been working, but Ms. Thompson did not rule out appointing a campaign manager in the future.

A member of the campaign advisory team, School Committee Vice-President Susan Pettazzoni has known the candidate for some time and has followed her career in politics. "I admire the way Nancy handles herself in public. I admire the way she speaks the truth, and I admire the way she gives her all to the people of Agawam," Mrs. Pettazzoni said.

Ms. Thompson said she is looking to have small meetings and coffee hours with the voters, to meet with people while she's out living her life in Agawam, and to knock on some doors to bring her message to the voters individually. A web site giving background information on Ms. Thompson's career in nursing, her government service in Agawam, and her stand on the issues will be announced soon.

"I will utilize the cable access channel on a regular basis to communicate with the citizens, and my web site will be updated on a regular basis once it goes on line," Ms. Thompson said.

Besides developing a proactive and professional relationship with Town Council, Ms. Thompson plans to continue working in cooperation with local mayors for the mutual benefit of the cities and to keep an ongoing dialogue with State Senate Majority Leader Linda Melconian and State Representative Dan Keenan.

Friends and supporters say Councilor Thompson has the management skills, the people skills, and the political savvy to win in November and to do an excellent job in the second-floor corner office at Town Hall.

Feeding Hills dentist, Dr. Susan Plourde, thinks Ms. Thompson is "very qualified for the job."

"Nancy has a strong background. She has good ideas and she's willing to work hard on those ideas," Dr. Plourde said.

Former Town Councilor Chris Quatrone, who supported Ms. Thompson during her two-year stint as council president, believes in her candidacy because she has the leadership skills, the ability to serve as mayor, and new ideas ready to be implemented. "Nancy will keep the government moving in a positive direction, and it's important that she's committed to building on what Chris Johnson has done," Quatrone said.

Not Merely An Extension Of The Johnson Years...

But, Quatrone stressed that a Thompson administration would not merely be an extension of the Johnson years. With a different leadership style, new ideas, and a different campaign style, Ms. Thompson is going to be a mayor who will work to keep everything going forward, rather than going backward or stagnating, according to Quatrone.

"We need a solid administrator who knows what they're doing. I'm confident she will be elected and she will draw on the administrative skills and the people skills she's developed during her nursing career," Quatrone said. "She will shine in the Mayor's Office."

With a master's degree in nursing administration and experience working in an executive position dealing with collective bargaining and other union issues, Ms. Thompson said she is well-qualified to sit at the bargaining table to negotiate on the town's behalf. Also, as a nursing administrator, Ms. Thompson said she developed both capital and operational budgets as well as good management skills, giving her the ability to work with and manage people.

Speaking to a gathering of supporters last Thursday evening, Ms. Thompson promised to make the education of all the children of Agawam a first priority in her administration.

Among the initiatives proposed by Ms. Thompson



AGAWAM TOWN COUNCILOR NANCY THOMPSON (third from the right) with family members and friends at the launch of her mayoral campaign last Thursday, June 17th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

son:

- Continuing to provide comprehensive services to the community.
- Building a new DPW facility.
- Keeping the town on the cutting edge of technology.
- Establishing a second industrial park.
- Meeting the town's needs in the area of recreational facilities.
- Establishing a mayor's council on youth to be composed of young people and adults.
- Developing a hands-on practicum in government for AHS students to earn class credit while working at Town Hall.
- Identifying and meeting the needs of the town's frail and elderly poor.

Currently working in the insurance industry in Connecticut as a nurse care manager dealing with on-the-job injuries, Ms. Thompson entered public service in Agawam in 1984 when she was appointed to the board of directors of the Agawam Council on Aging, where she served for eight years and was elected chairwoman. Ms.

Thompson took an active role in forming the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center in 1987.

First elected to Town Council in 1991, Ms. Thompson served as president in 1995 and 1996. As a councilor, Ms. Thompson has served on the Rules and Regulations Committee, the School Budget Committee, the Licensing Committee, and the Street Acceptance Committee.

She has represented Agawam at the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and she was elected as president of the Massachusetts Municipal Councilors Association for two years. She continues to serve as a board member. In 1995 and 1996, she held the office of chairwoman of Women Elected Municipal Officials.

Ms. Thompson is a registered nurse with a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in nursing administration from UMass/Amherst. She has four grown children and a two-year-old granddaughter.

In addition to her work on the council, Ms. Thompson is a member of the Italian Sister City Commission.

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Gearing Up For The Election Season...



MAYORAL CANDIDATE NANCY THOMPSON (second from the right) with three members of her campaign advisory team (from left to right): Town Councilor Jill Simpson, School Committee Vice-President Susan Pettazzoni, and former Town Councilor Chris Quatrone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-44, Paragraph H of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a "Drive-thru" at the premises identified as: 1801 MAIN STREET.

Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson
Published: June 24, 1999

LEGAL NOTICE

Nominations Sought For Annual Andrew Gallano Award

The Andrew Gallano Award Committee is again seeking nominations for its annual award, which is given for meritorious and distinguished service to elders and is presented by the Agawam Council on Aging each year at the ACOA/Friends Annual Dinner in October.

The criteria for selection of the recipient will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- * Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- * Advocates for the needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- * Supports issues related to the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- * Demonstrates the above in a consistent manner over time.

To nominate an individual for this prestigious award, fill out a sheet of paper with the following information: the nominee's name, address, and the date on which you are submitting this information.

In addition, please explain why this person should receive the Andrew Gallano Award for his/her work or service to the elders of Agawam.

Then, at the bottom of the sheet, please put your name and phone number (this information, however, is not necessary and if given, will be kept confidential). When completed, send this sheet of paper to: **The Andrew Gallano Award Committee, c/o The Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001-3128.**

Please be sure to send this nomination to the above address **no later than September 15, 1998.**

The committee wishes to thank you for your time and effort. It is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janice Bonk, COA Secretary, at 786-4297. Forms can also be acquired from Joan Linnehan at the Agawam Senior Center. Thanks!

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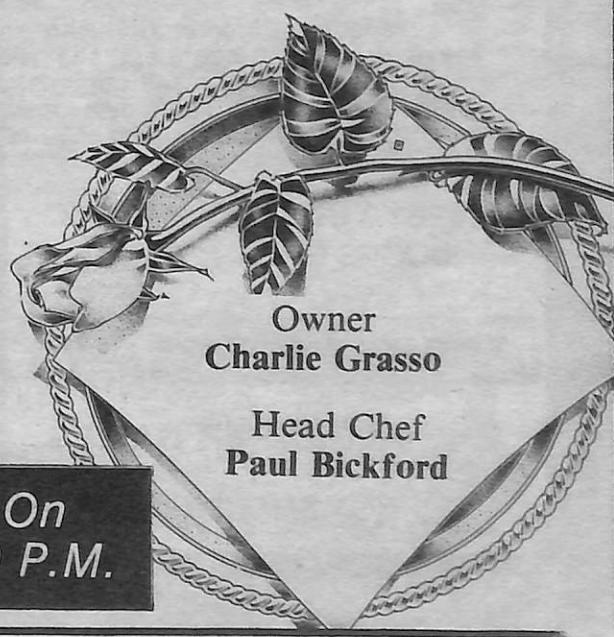
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— Agawam Obituaries —

Hervey A. Tetreault

Hervey A. Tetreault, 89, of 29 Alhambra Circle, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was the co-founder of the Rack 'N Cue and the co-owner from 1963 to 1994.

Born and schooled in the Fairview section of Chicopee, he lived in Agawam since 1941.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a founder of the St. John's Men's Club, and the first president of the St. John's Catholic Men's Club.

He served on the St. John's Building Committee and founded its Catholic Men's Bowling League.

His wife, the former Marie R. Morin, died in 1988, and a daughter, Lillian Casiello, in 1993.

He leaves a son, Robert of Feeding Hills; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Yvonne H. Vrenna

Yvonne H. (Deroche) Vrenna, 79, of 15C Castle Hills Road, Agawam, died recently in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a dietitian at the former Springfield Hospital.

Born in Ludlow, she was a graduate of Cathedral High School and lived in Agawam since 1955.

She was a volunteer for the Town of Agawam's Meals on Wheels program, and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Her husband, Harold J. Vrenna, died in 1980.

She leaves a son, Harold J. Jr. of Agawam; two daughters, Sandra J. Desmarais of East Granby and Susan Y. Euliano of Feeding Hills; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the

Rowley Animal Hospital, 171 Union Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Louise S. White

Louise S. (Lake) White, 87, of 55 Alfred Circle, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was a 20-year time clerk at the Cheney-Bigelow Wire Works and retired in 1976.

Born and schooled in West Springfield, she summered in Cavendish, Vermont, and lived in Agawam since 1938.

She attended the Agawam Congregational Church and was a former member of the Springfield Archery Association at Forest and Blunt Parks and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Her husband, Lewis L. White, died in 1981.

She leaves two daughters, Beverly Garvey of Springfield and Shirley Parker of York, Maine; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery in Proctorsville, Vermont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Association, Massachusetts Chapter, 720 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.

Theodore G. Stefanik

Theodore G. Stefanik, 33, of 17 Allen Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

He was assistant manager for Town Fair Tires.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam all his life and attended local schools.

He leaves two brothers, Edward C. Jr. of Westfield and Fred M. of Feeding Hills; and two sisters, Jean M. Stefanik of Manchester, NH, and Carolyn A. Cyr of Warrensburg, NY.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peter Block Research Fund, Boston Neurosurgical Foundation, 300 Longwood Avenue, Bader 3, Boston, MA 02115, or the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, 233 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

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Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson

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Robert LaFrance Named 'Paramedic Of The Year'

Robert LaFrance of the Agawam Fire Department has been recently honored as the "Paramedic of the Year" by the Hampden County Emergency Medical Services Committee.

The award is bestowed annually to those who performed at a level far exceeding the standards of a paramedic.

Bob has been a member of the Agawam Fire Department since March of 1997 and has proven to be a valuable addition to the department. He performs a dual role of paramedic and firefighter, and he graduated from the Springfield Firefighting Academy in 1997.

Bob is also an instructor on EMS subjects in the regions and is highly regarded for his technical skills. Besides being both a professional firefighter and paramedic, Bob combines his love for the outdoors with specific rescue skills. He is a rock-climbing adventurer and a spelunker, and is a consultant within the department for confined space rescue.

Bob also enjoys canoeing and kayaking, is a certified white water guide and swiftwater rescue. Bob also finds the time to compete in adventure endurance racing.

Fire Chief David Pisano says, "Bob LaFrance has been a tremendous asset to the department and it is a pleasure to have him on board, not only for his grasp of so many skills, but also for his gentlemanly and compassionate nature."

Bob is also a United States Air Force veteran and resides in Agawam with his wife, Angela, who is also a paramedic.

Recreation Dept. Announces Perry Lane Pool Schedule

The Perry Lane pool is open to the public Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. now through June 25th and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. June 28th through August 27th.

The pool will also be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. now through August 29th.

Daily pool passes are available at the pool. The passes are \$1 for adults and children age six and older and 50 cents per person for children age five and younger.

People are reminded that floatation devices are not allowed in the pool and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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Roberts Bros. Circus Coming To Feeding Hills

A caravan of over 20 vehicles, including tractor trailers, trucks and trailers, equipment vehicles and campers will soon be pulling into town for the presentation of the Roberts Bros. Circus on THURSDAY, JULY 8th.

This year's show will set up at the POLISH AMERICAN CLUB GROUNDS at 139 SOUTHWICK ST. with showtimes scheduled for 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. (See the ad in this week's paper for FREE CHILD'S TICKET.) Don't forget the free tour of the circus grounds at 9:30 a.m. on circus day.

In times when many businesses are downsizing these days, Roberts Bros. is determined to maintain the old-fashioned circus atmosphere under the big top; the real circus you remember as a child. Roberts Bros. Circus is celebrating its 26th annual tour this season.

This year's theme is ALL NEW FOR 1999! The performance this year will be held under a new, custom-built Big Top, especially designed to house all three rings, making every seat in the house a "ringside seat." This year's 90-minute, action-packed performance features direct from Bulgaria, the acrobatic tumbling troupe of the Petrovi's, the Jenzac Duo performing their motorcycle daredevil stunts on the high wire.

Also featured are clowns, aerialists, high acts, jugglers, llamas, Liberty ponies, cute and cuddly poodles, the performing elephant, and much more. There are many things to do out on the midway before the show starts, so come early. Entertainment suitable for every age group from the smallest of children on through to the grandparents.

One of the features of the circus this year is J.B. Dick, better known as Jelly Bean the Clown, a gold medal winner at the International Circus Competition held in Sarasota, Florida, where contestants from all over the world compete for awards. Jelly Bean won the gold medal (first place) in two categories - for best clowning and also best in comedy.

After working for 35 years in public education, first as an elementary school teacher and then for 20 years as an administrator, J.B. Dick is now fulfilling his dream as Jelly Bean the Clown, traveling full-time with his wife, Phyllis.

J.B. Dick starts out his day giving free guided tours of the circus grounds. These behind-the-scenes tours are conducted at 9:30 a.m. daily and are open to schools, daycare centers, and the general public. Both entertaining and educational, the tour includes an introduction to many of the circus animals and a chance to watch a giant, old-fashioned circus tent being set-up.

As the day progresses, J.B. Dick is busy preparing for his roll as Jelly Bean. Props need to be set and costumes cleaned. It's soon time for J.B. to start applying his make-up, a process that will take over an hour, turning him into Jelly Bean the Clown. He has to be ready one hour prior to showtime, when the circus midway opens to meet and greet the people as they are seated. Jelly Bean performs his well-rehearsed numbers with his co-star, Bucky, a graduate of clown college with over 10 years of circus clowning experience. After the show, it's time to remove the make-up, settle in, and get ready for tomorrow's shows.

Every clown has their own face that becomes their trademark. Although there are thousands of different faces, they are categorized, for the most part, into three different styles. Jelly Bean is an Auguste Clown; the other two styles are the White Face and the Tramp Clown.

Eleanor Piccin Wins 3 Bronze Medals At Mass. Senior Olympics

Eleanor Szczebak Piccin of Agawam recently competed in the 1999 Senior Olympics of Massachusetts and won bronze medals in three events.

The former West Springfield resident and wife of West Springfield native Don Piccin took third place in the shuffleboard competition and in two track and field events, the long jump, and the javelin throw.

The 1999 Senior Games were held June 11th-13th at Springfield College.

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DIRECT FROM BULGARIA: The acrobatic tumbling troupe of the Petrovi's, which will perform during the Roberts Bros. Circus' July 8th performance at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

Ag. Golden Age Club - Chapter 1 July Cal. Of Events

Friday, July 2nd: Board of Directors' Meeting, 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, July 7th: Day trip to the North Shore Theatre, featuring the humorous musical comedy, "Mikado."

Wednesday, July 14th: Special barbecue to be held at the West Springfield Elks Club; Buddy Bingo Games for afternoon entertainment.

Thursday, July 22nd: Day trip to Mohegan Sun Casino.

Wednesday, July 28th: Regular Meeting w/Gift Bingo for afternoon program.

Trip organizer, Ed Organek, 786-2453. New members are always welcome! For information, call Helen Rogers (membership) at 786-3756.

Ballroom Dancing At Sr. Center This Sunday

The Agawam Council on Aging will be hosting Ballroom Dancing on Sunday, June 27th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

For a cost of \$5, a deli grinder, chips, dessert, and beverage, along with admission to the dance is offered.

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Trips And Events Sponsored By The Agawam Senior Center

As the summer begins, we think of enjoying extra trips and special events to add to our memory banks. Check out the many opportunities to enjoy good trips, good company, and good times from the Agawam Senior Center, including:

Friday, July 2nd: Patty Carpenter's Holiday Concert. Free. 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 8th: Summer Steak Sizzler & Musicordia. \$10. 5:30 p.m.

Friday, July 9th: Connecticut River Cruise & Box Lunches. \$17. 9:30 a.m.

Monday, July 12th: ASGA Mohegan Trip. 8:00 a.m. \$16.

Thursday, July 15th: Laughing Lobster in Rhode Island. \$54. 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 22nd: Pawtucket Sox versus White Sox. \$20. 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 4th: The Bronx Zoo (from St. John's). \$20, senior or child; \$25, 18-60.

Thursday, August 12th: Friends' Foxwoods Trip. \$16. 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 17th: Whale Watching. \$50. 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 18th: Tag & Craft Sale to benefit the Senior Center. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, August 30th: Boston Pops at Tanglewood. \$32. 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 12th, to Tuesday, September 14th: Friends' Atlantic City trip to Bally's. \$159, \$30 back.

Tai Chi To Continue During The Summer At Spfld. Turnverein

By popular request, the STV Tai Chi classes will continue through the summer months every Monday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 at the Springfield Turnverein located on 179 Garden St., Feeding Hills. The gym hall is air conditioned for your comfort.

Tai Chi is an exercise for all ages. It can be easily adapted to accommodate physical abilities and limitations of each individual. The slow, flowing movements of the Tai Chi form help to improve concentration, coordination, flexibility, and balance while relaxing the mind. Regular practice strengthens the major muscle groups and reduces stress.

Master Baiqing Li has been the instructor of our well-attended classes since November 1998.

Since there has been an interest shown in evening classes, we will offer a series of 10 Wednesdays, beginning June 30th running through September 1st from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The charges for this class have to be paid in advance when registering.

The STV will be hosting an Area Tai Chi Picnic on Saturday, July 24th. It will be a first in this area and we extend our invitation to all people to enjoy this event on our beautiful grounds. Picnic-style food will be served from 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. Cost for all-you-can-eat is \$8 for Tai Chi participants, \$9 for guests, and \$4 for children 10 and under. Pre-payment with registration is required. Please call Christa by July 21st.

If anyone is interested in joining the Monday morning or Wednesday evening class, please call Christa at 786-0143. Don't delay, the classes are filling up fast.

Mrs. George Liptak, Sr. Honored By Boy Scouts Of America

Mrs. George S. Liptak, Sr. of 31 Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills was recently honored by the Boy Scouts of America at the Pioneer Trail District Annual Recognition Picnic held at Stanley Park in Westfield.

Mrs. Liptak has devoted more than 36 years to both the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts in various capacities. Included among them: past secretary and treasurer of Troop 75, Unit Commissioner since 1975, Board of Review, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, Camporee, Pioneer Trail District Cub Scout Round-table Program, and newsletter.

She has received many awards and recognitions, including the Scouter's Wife Award, the District Award of Merit, and the prestigious Beaver Award.

Mrs. Liptak is the proud mother of two Eagle Scouts. She also is the grandmother of two current Boy Scouts and two Girl Scouts.

Agawam's Summer Entertainment To Begin July 7th

The 1999 Summer Entertainment Series is set to begin on Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00 p.m., with Richie Mitnick presenting a millennium tribute to show music.

This year's version of the series, which is free to the public, consists of 13 nights of entertainment comprised of 11 bands and three "drive-in" style movie presentations, and several other surprises.

The series is co-sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the overwhelming support of the local business community. Program guides are now available throughout town and a large supply will be placed at the library.

Following is the schedule, which can also be found at the Cultural Council's new web site at www.agawamcc.org. Additional information can be obtained by calling 789-7393.

1999 Agawam Summer Entertainment Series:

Wednesday, July 7th: *Richie Mitnick & Troupe* - Local favorites playing show tunes and standards.

Wednesday, July 14th: *Billy Belina & Bay State* - One of the area's best polka bands.

Wednesday, July 21st: *Westfield American Legion Band* - Featuring traditional concert band literature.

Saturday, July 24th: *Riverside's Family Fun Night Movie* - Enjoy a singing stage show from Riverside, Henry the Juggler, and "E.T." the Extra-Terrestrial on a 15-foot screen. Rated PG.

Wednesday, July 28th: *Souled Out* - This nine-piece band provides singing and dancing review of the greatest hits of Motown.

Saturday, July 31st: *Band and Movie Night* - Featuring hard-rockers, *The Stone Coyotes*, followed by the movie *Twister*. Rated PG-13.

Wednesday, August 4th: *Salamander Crossing* - Bluegrass meets folk.

Saturday, August 7th: *Band and Movie Night* - *Sean Altman Band*, followed by *Jurassic Park*. Rated PG-13.

Wednesday, August 11th: *Viva Quetzal* - Eight-piece Latin-influenced band playing jazz, funk, folk, and pop.

Wednesday, August 18th: *Dogwood Moon* - Los Angeles-based folk duo.

Wednesday, August 25th: *Brass Attack* - Local horn-influenced band playing current hits.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...



MR. & MRS. DINIS LEE JABLONSKI

Anne E. Lacienski Becomes Bride Of Dinis Lee Jablonski

On Saturday, May 8th, Anne Elizabeth Lacienski and Dinis Lee Jablonski were united in marriage at Christ the King Church in Ludlow.

The parents of the bride are Dan and Lee Lacienski of 268 South West Street, Feeding Hills. Rose and Henry Jablonski of Ludlow are the parents of the groom.

Stacey Johnson, a friend of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Jeffery Jablonski, brother of the groom, was the best man.

A wedding reception at the Lusitano Club followed the ceremony, and the couple honeymooned at Disney World.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School. She is currently employed at Home Depot in Enfield, CT, as a customer service representative.

The groom, a 1990 graduate of Ludlow High, received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Western New England College in 1994. He is presently employed as a product marketing manager for Atlas Copco in Holyoke.

The couple resides on Lindberg Boulevard in Westfield with their daughter, Kayla.

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Local Host Families Sought For Foreign Exchange Students

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is currently seeking families to host exchange students who will be seniors at Agawam High School during the 1999-2000 school year.

The students arrive in mid-August and hail from countries from all over the world. Currently, there are five AFS students at AHS representing the countries of the Czech Republic, Brazil, Belgium, Germany, and Chile for the 1998-1999 school year.

AFS is the largest student exchange program in the USA. Agawam AFS is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1999. The AFS Community Chapter includes 15 active board members and a faculty advisor at AHS, Mary Ellen Bruce, a member of the foreign language department at the school.

Many families in Agawam have successfully hosted exchange students through Agawam AFS over the past 25 years and have formed lifetime bonds with their "new family member." Many former Agawam AFS exchange students have returned to our community to visit over the years, and many of our Agawam host families have traveled abroad to visit their former host student in their respective country.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student through AFS, or are interested in more information about AFS, call Family Selection Committee co-chairpersons Debbie & Craig Struck at 786-6760, faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce at Agawam High School, 821-0530 (weekdays), or chapter president Ric Sardella at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (nights).

Agawam Senior Center To Host 2nd Annual Summer Steak Sizzler

The second Annual Summer Steak Sizzler will be held at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, July 8th at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets, which are \$10, will be on sale until July 2nd. Advance ticket sales are required.

The menu will include New York strip steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, tossed salad, roll, butter, and baked apple square.

Live entertainment will be provided, in addition to a belly dancer and Musicorda.

For ticket information, call 786-0400, ext 242 or 243.

Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary To Bob And Terry Cremonini

The Agawam Saturday Night Bingo would like to offer their congratulations to Bob and Terry Cremonini on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

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We will leave the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m., arrive at Mohegan Sun at approximately 9:30 a.m. We will leave Mohegan at 4:00 p.m. and arrive home at approximately 5:30 p.m.

All tickets must be paid for a week in advance or we reserve the right to re-sell your ticket.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 28th: Baked chicken leg, harvest vegetables, rice, cole slaw, rye bread, peaches.

Tuesday, June 29th: Cold plate (ham salad, macaroni salad, tomatoes, cucumbers), breadsticks, Jello with fruit.

Wednesday, June 30th: Baked pork chops, carrot coins, oat bread, apricots.

Thursday, July 1st: Salisbury steak, noodles, mixed vegetables, oatbread, chocolate pudding.

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Encountering Difficult Situations In The Bible

Every now and then, we encounter some really difficult statements in Scripture, statements which make us feel like the words of the Bible may not always apply to our lives today. For some such statements, we can attempt to lessen their applicability to our own lives by focusing on the historical context. For example, when God told the Israelites to obliterate a certain people group, we can understand that the command was issued in the context of war, that we don't fully understand the sense of the times when the command was issued, and that, perhaps most importantly for us, we are not expected to follow or obey such a command today.

It is not always possible for us to so easily sidestep some difficult statements in Scripture, however. This is particularly true when such statements come from none other than Jesus Christ Himself. As hard as it may be for us to accept, Jesus did, from time to time, say things which, on the surface at least, appear harsh.

For example, Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace on the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is

not worthy of Me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me."

There is no denying it, this is a tough statement from Jesus. Anybody who doesn't think it's tough either didn't read it correctly, or possesses no natural affinity towards family members. For the rest of us, we struggle to accept this statement from Jesus.

In order to accept this statement from Jesus, which seems to advocate family disharmony, we must attempt to understand what Jesus was saying. The first step in understanding what Jesus was saying is to ask ourselves, to whom was He speaking, and under what circumstances? We must appreciate that almost anything anybody says can be easily misunderstood if the statement is taken out of context.

The passage quoted above is set when Jesus was sending His disciples out on the road for the very first time on their own, on a preaching mission. He was sending them out to represent Him. Jesus gave them specific instructions, and offered them particular insights, to prepare them for what they would encounter.

Jesus told them that on this particular journey, the disciples were to concentrate on Jewish people. Presumably, they would be more likely than the Gentiles to understand the Old Testament promises of the coming Messiah. Some would embrace those promises and recognize their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Others would not. Some of those who would not might be family members, whose reaction to the disciples might even be harsh. Although Jesus' message, "The kingdom of heaven has come near" echoes the angel's proclamation of "peace on earth," not everyone would see it that way.

Jesus' followers, from His era as well as today, will sometimes encounter hostility and rejection, even from loved ones, because we embrace Him. It's hard, but it's reality. We cannot force others to see things our way, nor should we try. However, even as we would not abandon our morals or principles to placate loved ones, Jesus encourages us to "take up the cross and follow" Him.

News From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Our Sunday morning service or worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and this week celebrates our wonderful choir. The service will include several anthems sung by the choir as well as hymns sung by the entire congregation.

The lectionary readings for the fifth Sunday of Pentecost are Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13 (or Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18); Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42. Children are invited to attend worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Board of Christian Education has announced they will sponsor Vacation Bible School from Monday, August 16th to Friday, August 20th. They are looking for volunteers to help with this project. A meeting is planned for Thursday, July 1st at 7:00 p.m. for those interested in participating.

Lani Kretschmar or Lynn Hill will be able to answer any questions you may have.

During the months of July and August, the church office will be closed on Mondays. It will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

On Sunday, July 4th and again on July 18th, we will welcome Diane Ball as our guest speaker while Rev. Donaldson is away. Communion will not be served on July 4th, but on the following Sunday instead.

On the calendar:

Friday, June 25th: 5:00 p.m., midnight Creative

Memories

Sunday, June 27th: 9:30 a.m., Choir Sunday;

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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 27th, is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The Summer Schedule continues at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Deacon Warren Parker will be our Guest Speaker. His Sermon will be, "A Christian Living," taken from Text: Acts 11:25-30.

Summer Church School continues and will be immediately following the Children's Message. This week's teacher will be Neal Ellsworth.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

The joint Vacation Bible Camp (Agawam Congregational and Agawam First Baptist Church) is planned for July 26th through July 30th. This year's theme is "The Great Bibleland Dig," and it will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$7 per child (three or more per family, no additional fee). Children ages two through the sixth grade are welcome to attend.

To register your child, you may call the church office at 786-7111.

All Church/After Church/Sunday Baseball Bus Trip: Join us on Sunday, August 1st (after church), for a bus trip down to Norwich, CT, to see the Norwich Navigators versus the Portland Sea Dogs.

The four-pack includes four tickets, four hot dogs, four sodas, four bags of chips, and the bus ride. All this for only \$40!

Make your reservations today. Deadline for your prepay tickets is Wednesday, July 28th. Call the church office for more information at 786-7111. (Sign up today — only 32 seats left!)

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Friday, July 2nd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, July 2nd from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

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Weekly Calendar From St. John's Church

BIBLE CAMP

Our annual Bible Camp will be held the week of July 5th-9th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This camp is for children ages four through eight.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Volunteers, teens, and adults are still needed.

Please call Sister Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

If your oldest child will be entering first grade (or will be new to our program) in September, please call 786-8105 and we will send you a registration form; or stop into the Parish Office and pick one up.

Students enrolled last year should have received a form by mail to register for the new year by August 1st.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

With a community of over 6,000, we should have many who could help with our Religious Education Program. We do not expect "college professors," but an ordinary, committed Christian like you.

We even have a suggestion to help if you would like to help next fall. The Diocesan Office of Religious Education is sponsoring two courses this summer: "Teaching Religion Effectively" (for grades one through six) and "Adolescent Catechesis" (for ages seven through 10th). The first one for the younger grades will be on Tuesdays, June 29th through July 27th, and the program for adolescents will be on Thursday nights, July 1st through July 29th.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If there are any adults who have not as yet been Confirmed, we will be having the Sacrament here at St. John's in October.

Sessions will be held to prepare candidates during August and September. Call the Rectory at 786-8105 to register.

PARISH PICNIC

Plans are progressing nicely for our Parish Picnic on August 29th. We will use our own St. John's

Field for this event. Mariann Green is the chairman.

Want to help? Give us a call at 786-8105.

HOSPITAL VISITS

This is a good time to remind everyone going to the hospital to give us a call at the Rectory (786-8105) to let us know. The computer lists at Baystate and Mercy, especially with emergency room admissions, continue to be incomplete.

Someone visits the hospitals from the parish at least twice a week, but we have missed many patients in the process. We visit the out-of-town hospitals only when aware of someone who has been admitted.

Your help in all cases is appreciated.

JUBILEE 2000

Have you signed up yet for one of the many projects who hope to orchestrate for the "Jubilee Year 2000"? Time is slipping by rather quickly.

Each of the clubs and organizations in the parish is encouraged to be involved in at least one such project.

You will not be around for the next millennium ... make sure you take some active role in this very special commemoration of the Birth of the Lord Jesus.

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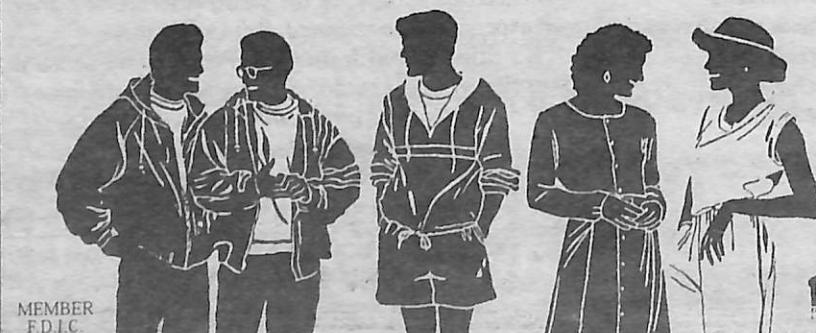
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Planning For Retirement...

Most Americans dream about a secure retirement in which they can enjoy life on their terms. Their dreams include escaping the office and traveling around the world, finding time for hobbies, friends, and family, or relaxing and taking each day as it comes.

Whatever your dreams and aspirations, a secure retirement may be more achievable than you think. The following steps will help you assess progress toward your goal and create a plan to help make your dream retirement a reality.

Visualize the lifestyle you want. To help chart your course to a more secure retirement, determine what "retirement" means to you. At what age do you want to leave your current job, and how do you want to spend your time? If possible, "practice" your planned lifestyle during a vacation to see if it feels right. Thinking hard about what you want to do when you retire may help you avoid longing for the old days later on.

Estimate your expenses. Defining your retirement lifestyle will help you put a price tag on it — and thus set your retirement income goal. Do you plan to travel or pursue expensive hobbies? Do you want a simpler lifestyle that revolves around your home, family, garden, and local community?

In general, retirees' work-related expenses decrease while spending on hobbies, travel, health care, and insurance increases. Other expenses that could change during your retirement include housing (will you downsize or move to a popular retirement destination?), taxes (your taxable income may change or you may move to a place with lower tax rates), and family obligations (such as helping children, grandchildren, or elderly parents). The more accurately you can estimate your retirement expenses, the less likely you'll be caught short of cash when you leave your job behind.

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RUNNING FROM GOD?

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Psalm 139

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
--Psalm 139:7

Francis Thompson wrote a gripping poem that he called "The Hound of Heaven." It reflected the torture of his life during the years he was running from God. At one time he had intended to be a priest but was deemed unqualified. Then he turned to his father's medical profession but failed again. Angry and bitter, Thompson gave up on God.

From 1885 to 1888 he lived the life of a derelict on the streets of London, suffering the agony of an opium habit. Finally some friends snatched him from the pit of death and brought him to the God he had dreaded. Thompson was gloriously converted.

His poem is his testimony. As the hound pursues the hare, ever drawing nearer in the chase, so God pursues the fleeing soul.

No matter how far you've run from God, the "Hound of Heaven" is still chasing you. Just when you think you've eluded Him, you'll discover that He's still there. David, who wrote Psalm 139, knew he could not flee from God's presence.

We sense His presence everywhere. It may be through the patience of a spouse, or the warm embrace of a friend when we expected to be shunned. But God is there.

It's tiring to run from God. Perhaps you sense that He's pursuing you. If you do, it's time to stop running. —HWR

*Relentless quest, this race for happiness;
Vain footsteps echo 'gainst a hollow soul;
What peace to cease—exchange our chase for God's
Relentless love that never lets us go! —Gustafson*

NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU'VE RUN FROM GOD,
HE'S ONLY A PRAYER AWAY.

Determine your income sources. Social Security, a 401(k), and perhaps a pension will likely provide a portion of your retirement income needs. Many retirees also rely on income from personal investments or a part-time job. Forecasting how much you'll receive from these sources will help you determine how big of a nest egg you'll need to meet your retirement income goal.

Plan to close any income gap. Don't be discouraged if your projected income is short of your estimated retirement expenses. You may be able to bridge this gap by following an investment plan that helps you amass the needed funds. Otherwise, you may have to delay retirement or plan to spend less money.

One of your top considerations should be maximizing contributions to your 401(k) or other retirement plan offered by your employer. With tax deferral of contributions and any earnings and possibly an employer match, such plans may be an effective way to build retirement wealth.

Depending on your situation, IRAs (traditional or Roth), tax-deferred annuities, and taxable investments may also make financial sense. (Keep in mind that income taxes are due on some retirement plan distributions and may also incur a 10-percent IRS penalty if withdrawn prior to age 59½. Dividends and capital gains from investments can also incur income taxes.)

To help your investment portfolio outpace inflation, you may want to consider investing in the stock market. Whether it is stock or bond mutual funds, 30-day Treasury bills, or other investment instruments, it is important to hold a diversified portfolio to help protect your retirement against inflation and market volatility.

Know your health care options. One expense that can threaten your retirement is the medical costs of an illness or an accident. Knowing your health care options in advance can help you budget for them and avoid being wiped out by major medical bills.

Update your plan regularly. Determine how, when, and where you want to retire and build your assets and arrange your affairs accordingly. As markets fluctuate and your needs evolve, you'll want to keep your investment portfolio balanced to meet your objectives. It's also important to keep other aspects of your finances — such as your tax strategy, estate plan, and insurance protection — up to date.

To help you make the most of your plan, meet with a knowledgeable financial advisor on a regular basis to assess your progress and update your financial strategy as needed.

Coldwell Banker Discusses Its Concierge Prog.

Citing the explosion of women in the workforce as a major reason for growing consumer demand for ease and convenience, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation (COLDWELL BANKER) is leading the trend for national real estate companies to offer consumer one-stop shopping.

The company has established the COLDWELL BANKER Concierge program to aid consumers in centralizing all the details necessary for homebuying and selling.

The U.S. Department of Labor reports that during the last two decades, the number of women joining the workforce has risen by 49 percent. As such, fewer and fewer women have large quantities of time at their disposal to coordinate all of the research and scheduling that is involved with the homeownership process.

For people selling a home, chances are strong that there are a great number of improvements needed to create a truly marketable property. For homebuyers, the purchase or sale of a home involves numerous time-consuming tasks from mortgage approval and closing services to utility hook-up and home furnishings.

"Thirty years ago, women were not as prevalent in the workforce, but now, women more often than not have increasing responsibilities both at home and at work. Service is important to today's customer, especially for women who are keen on time management issues and seek sources to facilitate their needs in one place, and on time," says Alex Parriello, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation President & CEO. "The COLDWELL BANKER Concierge program is the first national program that offers consumers an option for streamlining the time-consuming, labor intensive process often experienced with homeownership."

The COLDWELL BANKER Concierge program is a true one-stop shopping concept that allows consumers to benefit from a comprehensive, less stressful real estate experience. With 63,714,000 women in the workforce, many households have less time available to focus on details and more demand for a third-party to take over coordinating the fine points of a move.

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Legal Memo

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**Assisted Living Facility Hypothermia - Death**

The 91 year-old decedent was a resident at an assisted-living nursing home. During that time period, the decedent sustained a fall requiring hospitalization.

When the decedent was returned to the nursing facility from the hospital, instead of being returned to her assisted-living apartment, she was returned to a standard room within the nursing facility. She was noted to be somewhat confused, disoriented, and demanding that she be returned to her apartment.

The nursing staff determined that the decedent was at risk of elopement and the nursing facility wanted to put a security bracelet on her. The nursing facility claimed that the patient refused to wear the security bracelet. Not wanting to infringe on the decedent's privacy rights, the nursing staff put the bracelet on her walker.

On the morning of her death, the decedent had been missing from her room and, 15 to 30 minutes later, was discovered in a hypothermic state outside the rear door of the facility. The plaintiffs claimed that the decedent had apparently been in a disoriented state and in an effort to return to her apartment, wandered through the corridor, passed the nurse's station, walked outside through the exit doors, and froze to death.

The defendants alleged they did everything they could to prevent the injuries to the decedent and that the decedent was comparatively negligent to the extent that she refused to wear her security bracelet. The defendants also alleged that the value of the decedent's estate was minimal because of her age and the number of heirs.

The case was settled for \$475,000.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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From Coldwell Banker...

There Are Various Advantages To Owning Your Own Home

Owning a home provides privacy, security, and a sense of community. But aside from many personal advantages, homeownership comes with a major financial advantage - tax benefits.

The professionals at Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation (COLDWELL BANKER) explain that owning a home versus renting can lead to a significant amount of savings when tax time rolls around. The real estate company offers some information, but also advises that taxpayers should always seek advice on such matters from a tax professional.

"Individuals who buy, sell, or own real estate benefit from some of the biggest tax advantages available," said Peter Parnegg, Co-CEO, COLDWELL BANKER Parnegg Metro in Albuquerque, New Mexico. "Anyone looking to build equity and profit from tax rewards can find what they're looking for in homeownership."

Benefits for taxpayers include:

* Most homeowners can deduct property taxes and interest paid on their mortgage every year of ownership.

* Interest paid on a second mortgage may also be deductible if the total of the first and second mortgages is not greater than \$1 million.

* Homeowners can borrow against the equity they build. "Buying a home is an investment for your future," said Tom Despastuale, tax advisor, Jackson Hewitt Tax Services, Parsippany, New Jersey. "Equity from a home can be used to improve the property, buy a car, or pay for an education, and the homeowner may have the ability to

deduct the interest from their federal taxes. Renters never have this opportunity."

* Single taxpayers owe no tax on the first \$250,000 of profit for married couples filing jointly.

* Certain closing costs may be deductible if the move is job-related and the relocation is 50 or more miles from the previous residence.

* Depending on where you live, certain real estate tax exemptions apply for people who meet specific criteria. "In New Jersey, for example, disabled war veterans and their surviving spouses are exempt from real estate and property taxes. Homeowners should check with local tax consultants to see if any exemptions apply to them," said Despastuale.

Is there a best time of year to buy a home? "In regards to your income tax return, the earlier in the year, the better. If you purchase a home during the first six months of a year, you have deductible closing costs, and more months of deductible mortgage interest," said Despastuale. "Of course, in the long run, owning a home will save you money on your taxes regardless of when it is purchased."

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Denise Vogel Named Community Relations Manager For WMECO

Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) recently named Denise Vogel as Manager, Community Relations and Communications.

Ms. Vogel joined Northeast Utilities, parent company of WMECO, in 1979. She has been spokesperson for WMECO since November of 1997. Prior to that time, she held the position of Regional Business Services Manager, overseeing the meter reading, meter service, and business office functions for WMECO.

Ms. Vogel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management and a Master's Degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of Hartford. She currently serves as President of the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council and has been actively engaged in efforts to revitalize the Springfield Action Commission.

Ms. Vogel is former President of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves on its Board of Directors. She is also an active member in the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Legislative Steering and various other committees of the Chamber.

Kerry Kuhlman, President and Chief Operating Officer of WMECO, stated, "WMECO is committed to remaining a key player in the communities we serve. Denise's experience and her own deep commitment to the community were key factors in selecting her to be WMECO's emissary in the community."

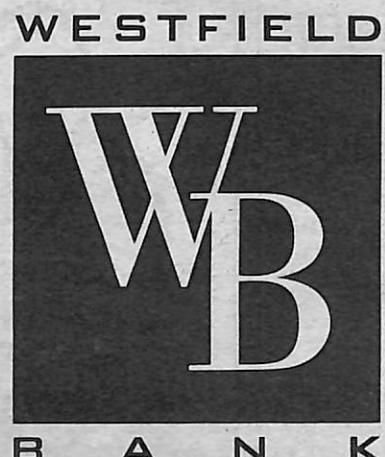
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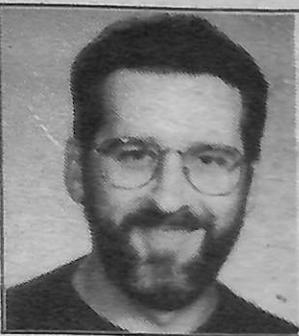
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Family Membership (Part II)

Is the cost of family membership you?

Last week, I opened up our conversation by introducing the theme of *family* and *personal* identity. I described how, for many people, these are one in the same. Many people struggle in their attempt at differentiating a *sense of self* different from their families' version of who they are and who their family needs them to be.

I would go so far as to say that the person who considers and takes seriously this idea that they can be *more than* their family identity is living life dangerously and on the edge. The danger, I believe, stems from the deep fear that if I cease to see myself as my family identity, then I will cease to exist. It will feel as if my very self will not exist, especially since I do not know who I can be, only who I have been.

There is safety and comfort in knowing who I am, even if it is someone else's version. This can be true even if I am surrounded by abuse, neglect, violence, addiction, and other forms of "dysfunction." At least I know who I am! That **must be** better than *knowing* who I could be!

The Jews knew this fear and terror all too well. After their exodus from Pharaoh, the desert-bound Jews, as a nation, faced their "*old identity*" as brickmakers versus their promise from Yahweh to be His chosen people, **free to become...**

Despite all Yahweh's miracles, the story goes on to tell how the recently freed slaves melted their gold to create a pagan idol - a 'golden calf.' Now they could celebrate with drink and idol praise. This reenactment of Egyptian worship helped them re-create what it felt like to be back "home" again as Egypt's slaves, their brickmakers. They re-captured their "Familial Scent." They knew that this must be better than walking through this desert having to face their God, one another and their very self.

This story teaches us how unsettling it can become when you honor the voice within that yearns for life as *you* could be, as God has intended us to be, **free**. Even thinking about what "I want ... can be considered subversive to the family version. For many of us, there is a natural tension and conflict between knowing our family identity and wanting our own identity, different from the families'.

When this conflict becomes *yours*, another interrelated conflict must be faced, namely; how then do I go about attempting to grow into this sort of identity change? Most people tend to work through their family of origin issues through their *non-family* relationships. Many people attempt to grow into their own version of self by way of these non-family relationships.

It is my opinion that one's best chance for defining a self different from the families' version, is to give significant focus toward working *directly* with one's own family (however that may be possible), rather than primarily through the non-family relationships. If, however, you attempt this latter sort of change, don't be surprised if somehow the original 'familial scent' gets re-created and/or packaged in a new version (a la the golden calf).

Bumping into our 'familial scent' (identity) is important! If you are fortunate to have a relatively healthy and positive 'scent' - terrific! Celebrate it! If, however, your 'scent' is something you want to change, run from or even destroy (a la *cutting-up-the-membership-card with its privileges*); then, I believe, you've already begun facing your true-self by desiring to create your own identity.

It is no easy task to create an identity that *seeks freedom* into a way of living that is *more than* the families' version! So as not to be misunderstood, I am not advocating anyone cut-off from their family (identity). On the contrary, creating a *sense of self* is more about how we are connected to the family identity in new and different ways, all the while not becoming limited by it! There is a strong systemic need to remain loyal to who the family system needs you to be in order for the family system to survive as it is into the next generation.

Is the cost for this generational transmission your version - your story - your very identity and a life as it could be? Family membership has its privileges? What do you think? Let's talk some more about this ... in the meantime, continue to e-mail and write to me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and *Let's Talk about it.*

— ADVERTISER NEWS —



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer
Chiropractic Offices
192 Shoemaker Lane
Agawam

What Are Some Of The Main Health Issues Of Concern To Women???

Women have most of the same health concerns that men have. But women face many health problems unique to them or that more often or more seriously affect women than men.

Doctors of chiropractic have always recognized this and have developed and provided a wide variety of treatment options specifically suited to women's health needs. Because of this (and because most women tend to have a heightened awareness of their physical condition and are accustomed to seeking help from health professionals), more women than men regularly rely on chiropractic care.

Women must contend with specific health concerns raised by their female physiology, by the fact that the female body is designed to be able to bear children. Issues involving pregnancy and the menstrual cycle are centrally important health matters for women.

Being pregnant, preparing for pregnancy, and recovering from childbirth are female indispositions. Pain during the menstrual period (dysmenorrhea), premenstrual syndrome (PMS), and chronic pelvic pain are among the distressing conditions which disturb the otherwise healthy lives of many women.

From Baystate Health System...

Tips On How To Avoid The Dangers Of Summer Heat And Humidity

Don't let the summer heat slow you down. Dr. Philip Henneman, chairman of Emergency Medicine for Baystate Health System, suggests these easy to follow, but important hot weather tips to keep you safe and healthy so this summer, the heat will not beat you.

- Stay out of direct sunlight and avoid strenuous activity.
- Postpone athletic activity during periods of high heat and humidity.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat when outdoors.
- Drink plenty of liquids - begin drinking before you go outside and, if exercising, drink one quart of liquids an hour to replace lost fluid.
- Avoid caffeinated beverages and alcohol.

"For Your Health" is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News and is just one more reason why you turn our pages each and every week...

Women may get headaches during menstrual periods and pregnancy, as well as under ordinary circumstances. They are more likely to be troubled enough by headache pain to find a way to overcome it.

Similarly, women are often victims of osteoarthritis (degenerative joint disease) and have a 200 to 300 percent greater chance than men of suffering rheumatoid arthritis.

What Can Chiropractic Do?

Chiropractic offers demonstrated relief for many of women's health problems. Chiropractic adjustments have been shown to lessen the discomfort of dysmenorrhea and chronic pelvic pain. Numerous back disorders that strike women are addressed and remedied daily, all over the world, by chiropractors skilled in treating those problems and in improving their patients' capacity to cope and to improve.

More and more women have become interested in diet, nutrition, weight loss, exercise, sports and physical activity, and methods for maintaining wellness and general fitness — about which chiropractors have considerable knowledge that they are eager to share with their patients.

Chiropractic wellness programs are particularly well-suited to the special needs of pregnant women, new mothers, women who are overweight, who are in stressful situations, and others who need to protect and strengthen their bones, nerves, joints, muscles, and overall health.

Great numbers of women rely on chiropractors because of the caring interaction that develops between patient and doctor, and because of chiropractic's effective combination of expert diagnosis, effective spinal adjustments and soft tissue therapy, exercise and nutritional guidance, and lifestyle counseling.

The staff of SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE includes both female and male practitioners. Feel free to contact us. We are located at 192 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam — 789-1369 or 789-1073.

"The young and very old are at particularly high risk in hot weather because both have the least ability to regulate their body temperatures," Henneman said.

He said warning signs of an oncoming heat-related illness include:

- excessive sweating
- leg cramps
- flushed skin
- nausea and vomiting
- dizziness
- headache
- rapid pulse

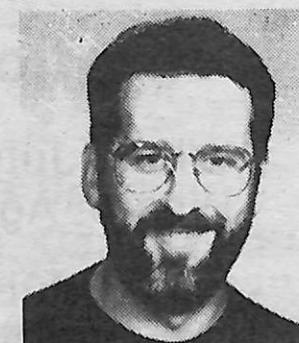
If in doubt about a possible heat illness, consult your physician or visit your local hospital emergency department.

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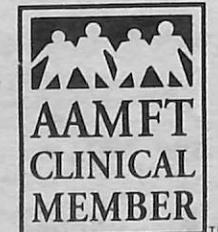
Read more about this in my FOR YOUR HEALTH column.

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For Your Health - continued...



Fitness Tips...

by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
Fitness First

Untitled

I am currently in awe of one of my sisters. About six months ago, she got a flyer in the mail about a marathon to benefit the leukemia society.

It was a 26-mile run in Alaska and they wanted you to raise \$4,000. At this point, I probably would have said, "Wow, I'd love to do something like that," and thrown it away.

She went to a meeting to hear more. She began to get excited and really wanted to try it. We all said, "Go for it, but keep in mind, this is way more than your weekly three or four miles."

I must hang my head and admit I wasn't sure she'd do it. She began to train. She followed all the advice she received from the trainers. We teased her quite a bit, saying her watch was wrong, her speedometer sped up.

She remained extremely motivated and focused. There were days she didn't feel like running.

There was one point when she was sick and got behind in her training. She never gave up.

I got a call recently that she finished in five hours and 22 minutes. She said at 17 miles she was crying (sorry, MaryAnn, if I wasn't supposed to repeat that). She knew she'd finish, but she had no idea where it was going to come from. She finished.

Where did it come from? It came from her. Somewhere deep inside she found it. She was humbled and knew that at any time she may have to quit. She was okay with that. Imagine the strength that takes.

You can do anything you want. We all have choices and decisions and it is 100 percent up to us. It can be horribly difficult to excel. It's so much easier to coast and still get by.

We need to get outside our comfort zone to be successful. She lived outside her comfort zone for quite some time and did exactly what she set out to do. Obstacles slow us down. That doesn't mean we turn around and go home.

Enjoy the journey. Each time she had a real good reason to give up, she didn't. If it was time to stop, she would have stopped and been very happy that she at least tried. She enjoyed the entire journey. She wasn't in it for the attention or the recognition. It came from deep inside, where so many of us never even dare look.

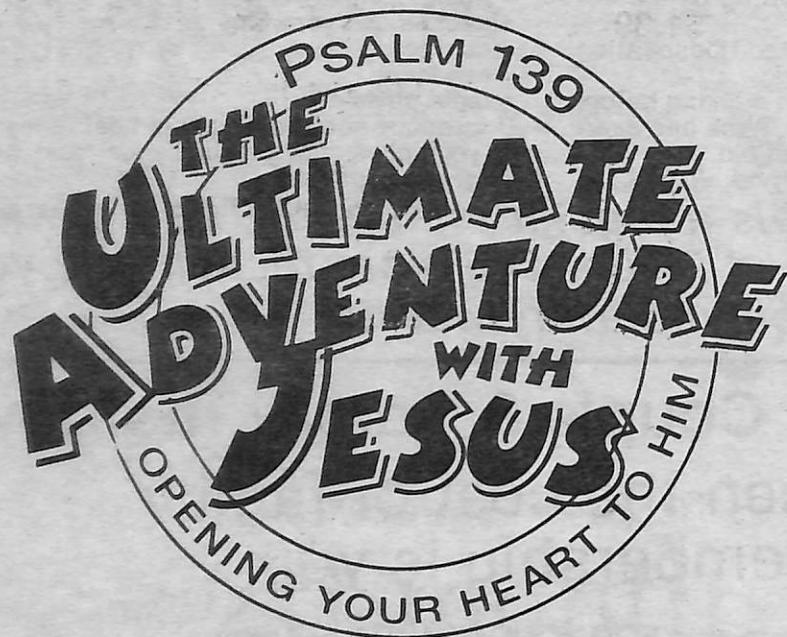
MaryAnn, I am fiercely proud of you and what you've done. You are an inspiration and a role model for us all. Everyone here at the gym is so behind you - 100 percent. I guess I just wanted everyone else to know what you did and to take a second to say thanks for the reminders.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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A Patient's Story...

The following is a case from a patient who recently visited our office. She had suffered with left arm pain and numbness for years.

She had gone to numerous doctors and received many types of treatment with erratic results. The following is her story as she writes it:

1. What was your health problem? Neck, shoulder, wrist pain, tingling in some fingers.
2. How long had it troubled you? Many years.
3. Describe what chiropractic has done for you: relieved pain, more mobility in neck, able to work for longer periods without pain.
4. What have you told others about your experience with chiropractic? Very positive, can relieve a variety of problems. I'm a believer.
5. What would you suggest to someone with a similar problem? See a chiropractor; it will help and improve mobility and relieve discomfort.
6. Additional comments: I'm impressed with the positive results in a short time.

If you are suffering with neck, arm, wrist, or shoulder pain, contact our office today. Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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For Your Health - continued...**Support Groups,
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At Noble Hospital****SUPPORT GROUPS**

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, July 14th and 28th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke, spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

On July 14th, the topic will be "Dietary Concerns: How To Enjoy Meals And Still Be Healthy." On July 28th, the topic will be "Stroke Behaviors: What Are They And How Do You Manage Them?"

Diabetes: Tuesday, July 27th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

The topic of this meeting will be "Diabetes And Your Eyes" with Mary Gina Ratchford.

COURSES/PROGRAMS/CLINICS

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursdays, July 15th and 29th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

On the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month, a certified athletic trainer will evaluate athletic injuries. Then, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, July 21st and 28th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes" with Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist. Sundays, July 11th and 18th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program uses hypnosis to eliminate your desire for smoking and allows you to forget cigarettes forever. The registration fee for this program is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is necessary. To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.

Bereavement Group: Wednesdays, July 7th, 14th, and 21st, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this weekly support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

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Who is at risk for Lyme disease? Lyme disease is spreading across the country with the greatest concentration being in the Northeast, upper Midwest, and Pacific Coastal areas. Individuals at

risk for Lyme disease are those who are active outdoors gardening, walking dogs, hiking, golfing, working, hunting, doing yard work, or just living near grassy fields or woods.

Lyme disease is difficult to diagnose and if left untreated, can lead to serious joint and neurological conditions. The vaccine is available for individuals age 15 to 70. Although vaccination is the best way to prevent Lyme disease, people should also follow some tick-avoidance measures, such as wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into socks when in the outdoors to prevent tick bites, and also conduct regular checks on exposed skin and clothing.

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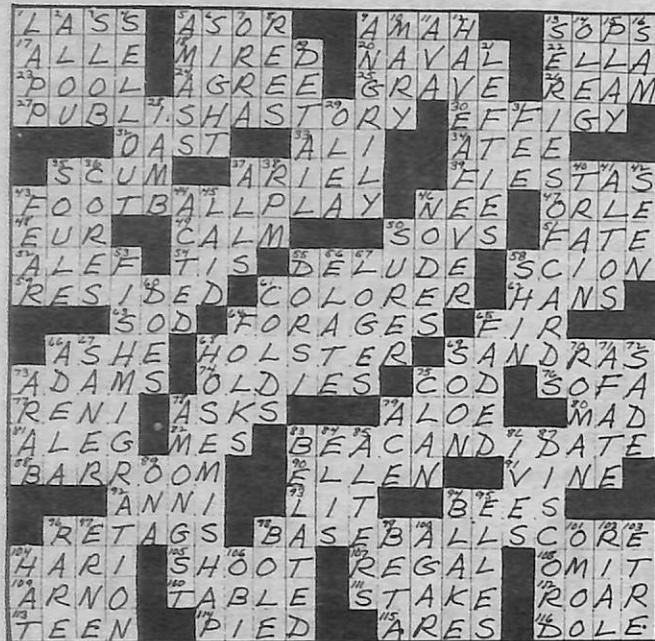
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Dave's Soda & Pet City Stores To Host The "Rugrats"

Nickelodeon's Rugrats will visit all three Dave's Soda & Pet City locations this weekend, June 26th and June 27th.

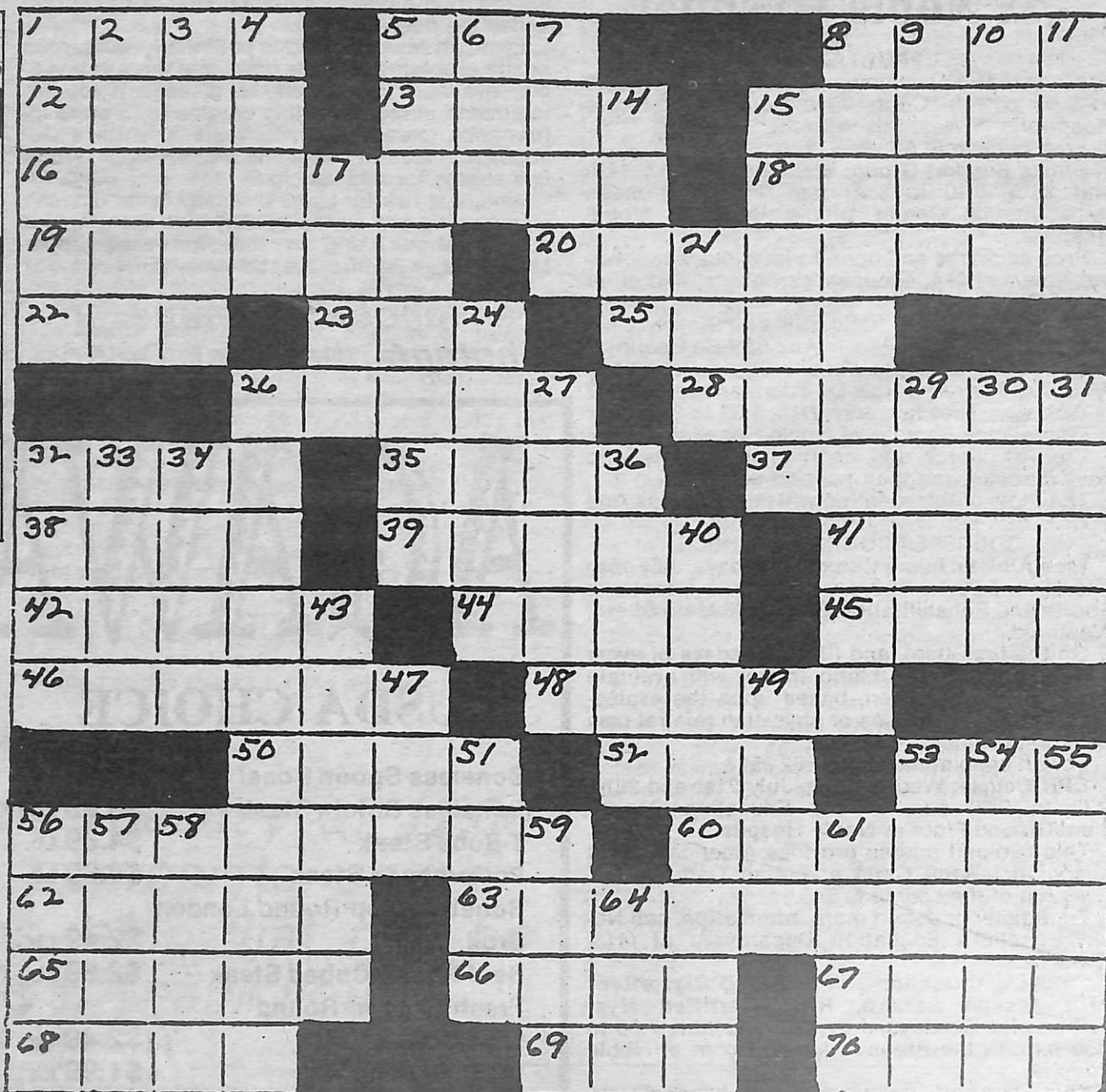
Sponsoring the event is Russell's 60-Minute Photo. Kids of all ages can get their picture taken with their favorite costume character from the Rugrats television show (Chuckie, Tommie, & Angelica will be on hand).

The schedule is as follows: Saturday, June 26th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 11 Ramah Circle, Agawam.

Saturday, June 26th, 3:00-7:00 p.m., 1330 Carew St., Springfield; Sunday, June 27th, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Route 9, Hadley.

For copies of his photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at 789-0053. Thank you!

Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



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Education

Gabrielle Robinson Of AHS Receives AIC Alumni Book Prize

American International College is recognizing Western Massachusetts high school students who excelled in the classroom. Among the 17 juniors who recently received the 1999 AIC Alumni Book Prize was **Gabrielle Robinson** of Agawam High School.

For their efforts, each student was given a Merriam-Webster dictionary and thesaurus gift set.

The award was first given out four years ago by the Springfield chapter of the AIC Alumni Association. Chapter President Gary Boisseau said the award is a way to honor high school students who have achieved academically and are good school citizens.

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Boisseau, a 1979 AIC graduate, is a history teacher at the High School of Science and Technology in Springfield.

The Book Prize expanded to 17 local schools this year, up from 10 the first year. John De Bonville, director of AIC's Office of Alumni Relations, said the expansion comes as no surprise.

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Carrie Lock Earns Dean's List Standing At Johnson & Wales

Johnson & Wales University has announced that Carrie Lock of 9G Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 1999 term that ended last month. Lock is majoring in Travel-Tourism Management.

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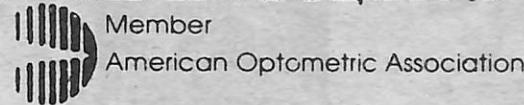
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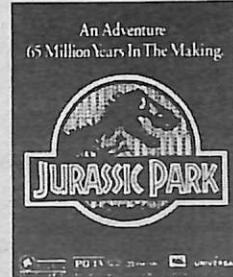
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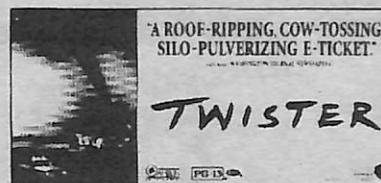
Saturday, July 31 Band and a Movie Night



The Stone Coyotes 7:00 PM

This hard-rockin' band has been described as "AC-DC meets Patsy Cline" and is the inspiration behind "Be Cool", the sequel to "Get Shorty". The group was recently highlighted on *Good Morning America* and is being played on 180 stations across the country. On the web at www.stonecoyotes.com Sponsored by United Industrial Service

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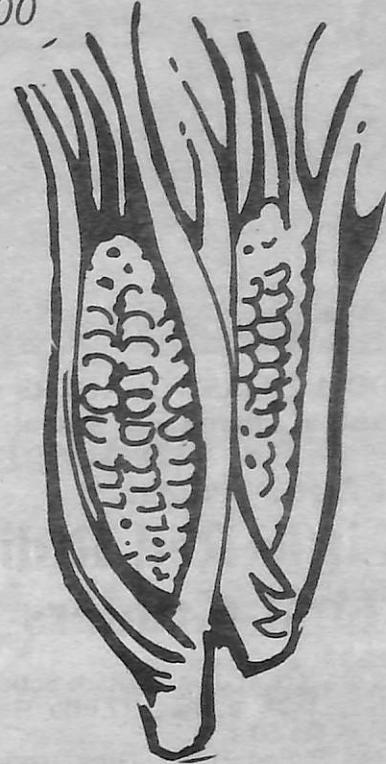
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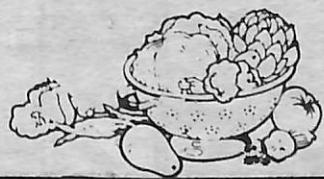
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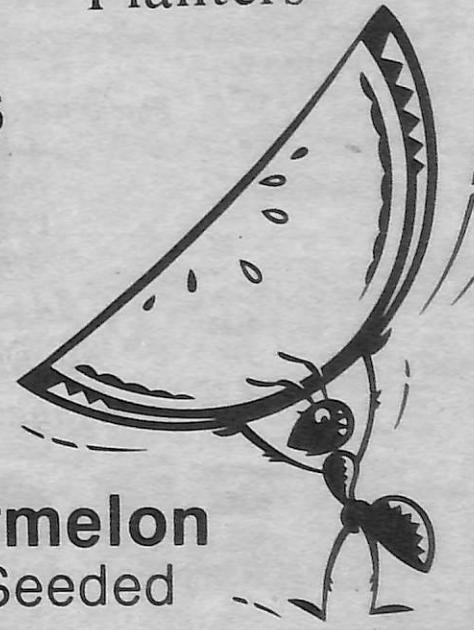
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THE ROOM 2 FIRST-GRADERS who performed in "Little Red Riding Hood" (with a 1950's twist) at James Clark School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Using A 1950's Setting...

"Little Red Riding Hood" Performed By First-Graders At James Clark School

The first-graders at James Clark School, Room 2, recently put on a play, "Little Red Riding Hood," set in the 50's.

Little Red Riding Hood (Gina Iannuzzi) was wearing a red poodle skirt, and the big bad wolf (Justin Wright) had a white tee-shirt, blue jeans, and loafers.

There was a mother (Caitlin Frazier), grandmother (Rebecca Impionbato), reader (Nicholas Gould), tree-o (Tony Mathes, Kyle Craig, and Jacob Barrows), Birdettes (Kyle Mansi, Alex St. John, and Deepa Desai), and the backbone of our play, the chorus (Nathan Chartier, Dina Desai, Jeffrey Smith, Lenny Bruso, Tim McDonald, Steven Klimczak, Shawn Zaborowski, Heather Ghidoni,

David Wilson, Anthony Pereira, Myriassa Torriello, Gabriell Nunez, and Brooke Quesnel).

The play was directed by the teachers in the classroom, Mrs. Curnow, Miss Mineo, and the assistant, Mrs. Govoni. The children worked very hard and did a wonderful job.

They had many songs to learn and some had individual parts to learn, and they were able to make this all work very well together.

This is one of the integrated classrooms at James Clark School where the class is made up of Special Education children and peer partners. The children all worked together and performed marvelously.

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Local Residents Named To Dean's List At Westfield State

Westfield State College has announced the students who have achieved the Dean's List for the spring semester 1999.

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Among these outstanding students are the following local residents:

From Agawam

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Commerce's Class Of '49 To Hold 50th Reunion This October

The High School of Commerce Class of 1949 is seeking former classmates interested in attending the 50th class reunion on October 9, 1999 at Storrowton Carriage House in West Springfield.

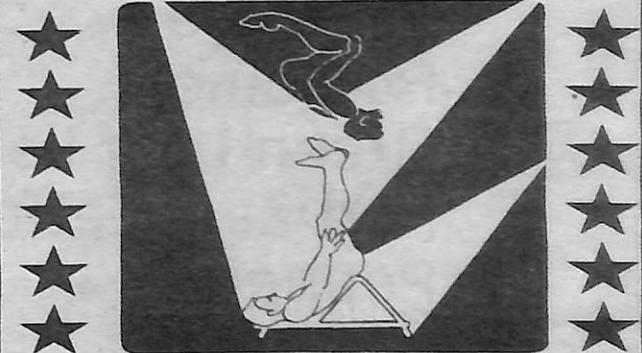
Please send your name and address and names of any other classmates you are still in contact with to Elsie Ceravolo Cady, 281 Lexington Street, Springfield, MA 01104, (413) 732-8424 or Marjorie Masucci DeDeurwaerder, 31 Overlea Drive, Springfield, MA 01119, (413) 782-2588.

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Russell L. Ramah Now Part-Time Coordinator Of The SECT Program

Russell L. Ramah, Computer Coordinator for the Agawam Public Schools, has been hired as the part-time coordinator of the SECT program.

SECT (Students and Elders Computer Training) is a joint effort of the Agawam Senior Center, the School Department, and Career Point in Holyoke, which will have students at the High School teach computer skills to senior citizens.

The program was funded by a grant from Bell Atlantic. It was one of 14 funded statewide.

"We are very pleased to have Mr. Ramah on board. He is more than qualified for the position and guarantees a successful program," said Richard Mundo, Director of the Senior Center.

Mr. Ramah has been the Academic Coordinator for the Computer Science Department, Co-Chairperson of the Agawam Public Schools Technology Committee, and an instructor at STCC.

Amanda Tilden To Compete At Summer Bay State Games

Amanda Tilden, a junior at Agawam High School, has been selected to compete at the 1999 Summer Bay State Games held in Boston, July 15th-25th.

She will be a member of the West Soccer Team, representing players from Western Mass. Amanda has been an Agawam High School varsity soccer team member for the past two years. At the Games, she will be in the Scholastic Division (9th-11th grade, under 19 by June 1, 1999).

All soccer games played will be held at UMass Boston. This is the 18th Annual Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation Bay State Games. The Opening Ceremonies will be held on July 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Fleet Center in Boston.

The ceremony will include entertainment, an athletes' parade, appearances from local Olympians and other celebrities, as well as the symbolic torch lighting ceremony.

Best of luck to all athletes.

CORRECTION:

In the June 17th edition, the story on the world cultures program at Robinson Park School misidentified the nationality of the transitional bilingual education teacher, as well as the nationality being presented by Mrs. Blackburn's class.

In both cases, the correct information is the Ukraine, not Russia.

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Information Regarding Agawam's 1999 Summer School Program

Alan R. Cohen, summer school director, has released the following information regarding the Agawam Public Schools' "Summer School" program for 1999. All summer school classes will be held at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: Four weeks, 40 hours.

TIME AND DAYS: Monday through Friday, 8:00

to 10:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

REGISTRATION: \$90 each class (residents and non-residents).

REGISTRATION: Will commence from now through the first day of summer school.

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to "Agawam High School." (Payment is due with registration form.)

CANCELLATION: The summer school director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment. Section time may also

change due to enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is canceled. No refund after first class has met or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than one class. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Two tardies are equal to one absence.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one's own guidance department before registration.

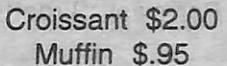
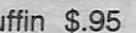
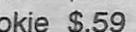
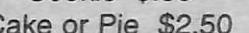
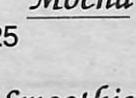
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Sports

Lagacy's Legacy Will End At Local Speedway After '99 Season...

Canceling Riverside Racing A Big Disappointment For One Driver

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One thing about big corporations — the whole deal comes down to the bottom line, no matter what kind of deal it might be.

So it was when the new owners of Riverside Park, Premier parks, announced suddenly last week that it would shut down Riverside Raceway at the end of this current racing season, ending the weekend of October 30th-31st.

Thus, the bottom line (simply more money) meant the red line, as in racing, was shut down faster than a blown engine. After 51 years as a tradition in Western Massachusetts, the raceway will be no more. Premier Parks has poured millions into Riverside Park, and the speedway operation simply did not fit into their long-range plans.

Of course, the situation means many people who attended racing at Riverside, as participants and as fans, will be out of a local track. And for some, the experience is a bitter one. Consider Agawam's E.J. Lagacy. He has been driving at Riverside since 1989 in a variety of cars. Two years ago, he switched to a brand-new category ... trucks.

Lagacy was doing quite well this season — fourth in points and only 22 points out of the lead when the shocking announcement was made. "The way those people went about things was weird. I don't think any of us saw it coming. If they had waited until the end of the year, people might have taken it a little differently, but not in the middle of everything."

Lagacy and probably others were steamed. "I'd just spent a lot of money on my truck. And Riverside is the only place trucks run as of right now, which means the money I'd spent could have gone to investing in another type of racing vehicle, like late models, if trucks don't catch on somewhere else."

The need for more dough says something about the sport's welcome in Western Massachusetts, according to Lagacy. "It's a slap in the face to so many people. Riverside was close by. It offered good and competitive racing for anyone who chose to race there. It was a great evening for the multitude of fans who showed up. I don't understand it," he shook his head.

"Premier Parks says they offer good family entertainment. Well, the raceway was all about that. You could see mothers, fathers, kids, aunts, uncles, and grandparents in the stands. Many of the racing teams were also made up of family members," he added.

Regarding The Future...

For the racers and those who follow them, the future (if not uncertain) is at least further away. The closest tracks are Stafford, CT (half-mile track), Thompson, CT (five-eighths of a mile), and Monadnock (like Riverside, a quarter-miler). "Like a lot of guys, we've been left twisting in the wind," Lagacy said. He also added that at those tracks,

the venue doesn't include trucks (though, he admits, there is a chance Stafford might add trucks to its venue).

He also notes that if trucks do come to other tracks, it will mean a whole new setup, which means money will be needed to make them.

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E.J. LAGACY OF AGAWAM (right foreground) with some of the members of his crew. A driver at Riverside Park Speedway since 1989, Lagacy has been competing in the new trucks category for the past couple of years. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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"Heck, the longer the track, the faster you go. Quarter-mile gear isn't going to work on the half- and five-eighths-mile circuits," Lagacy said.

"I know people travel from many miles away to attend the races at Riverside. It looks like that might happen to me. But it's not only me. There's my crew to think of," he said.

His crew includes his dad, owner Ernie Lagacy, plus crew chief Tom Gonet, Jim Taupier, and 15 year-old Scott Allen (all from Agawam). "I feel bad for Scott. He's very interested in racing and helps us out the best he can. But you are not allowed in the pits until you're 16. So he'll miss out on some valuable learning experiences in the sport," Lagacy said.

Lagacy admits the whole thing is pretty discouraging. "I was so upset when the news came down that I seriously considered pulling the plug on my efforts. But we're so close in the point standings that it will probably be best to complete the season."

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E.J. LAGACY (far left, in front) and the members of his crew are wondering what the future will hold for them now that Riverside Park Speedway will conclude 51 years of local racing action at the end of the 1999 season. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

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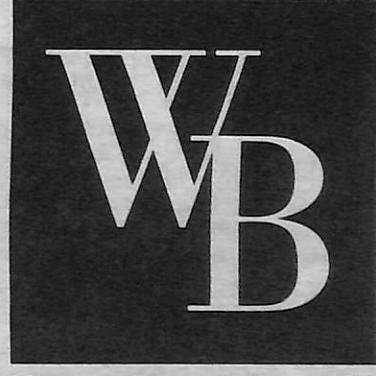
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Girls' Softball - Season Review...

For Lickley's Troops, The 1999 Season Was A Roller Coaster Experience

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For the past decade, the Agawam High girls' softball team, led by Coach Debbie Lickley, has been the team others in Western Mass. measured themselves against. For four of the past five seasons before this one, they were Western Mass. champions. This year, they started out unbeatable, winning their first eight games. Then the roof caved in and they ended up 12-8 and were relegated to the ninth seed in the playoffs - the lowest ever in the Lickley era.

They got to the second round of the playoffs, beating Holyoke High, 2-0 before losing to Cathedral, 8-7 in the quarterfinals.

The regular season seemed slashed in two - the first part was the winning streak and an 8-2 record, the second a bitter struggle, which saw them go 4-6. But, the coach didn't see it that way. "We think of our year as three separate entities. The first is made up of our non-league games. The second consists of games in our league, and the third is the playoffs." In that case, they went 9-3 versus non-league foes, 3-5 in the Valley League, and 1-1 in the tournament.

A Roller Coaster Season

The coach said she didn't do anything differently as the roller coaster season rolled along. "Towards the end, it was more frustrating. We were inconsistent on offense and the mental preparation didn't seem to be there. During that time we learned a lesson about being prepared mentally," said Lickley. She felt they had that mindset in their second to last, 5-2 win over West Springfield High and their 8-7 playoff loss to Cathedral - a game which was decided by a Panther RBI single up the middle in the final inning.

There are some that feel the team didn't deserve the ninth seeding; that maybe the situation bothered the kids. Not so, according to the coach. "To be honest, you get what you deserve if it's based strictly on your record." Then she added, "I think, however, we were better than some of the teams ahead of us."

The Brownies will lose some very important seniors: pitchers Ali Jackobek (7-6) and Lindsay Mason (6-3), outfielder Jess Montagna, and infielders Erin Rescigno and Kornelia Moysis. "It's something we go through every year, saying goodbye. They maybe weren't the most athletic kids I ever coached, but they believed in the program, themselves, and their teammates," Lickley



DEBBIE LICKLEY, the coach of the Agawam High School girls' softball team, addresses her Brownies before a recent softball contest. In the Western Mass. playoffs, the 1999 team defeated Holyoke High, then fell to Cathedral in the quarterfinals. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

observed.

They have a good nucleus of nine kids coming back, led by All-Western Mass. catcher Dianna DiStefano and outstanding shortstop Jill Gendron. "We never look at a new season as one in which we rebuild. The challenge is to continue the excellence and winning tradition of our program," the coach explained. She added that the greatest challenge will be assembling another good pit-

ching staff.

The high points of the season, according to Lickley, came in their 5-2 win over West Side and the first five innings of the playoff game against Cathedral, when the Brownies led, 5-1, before letting it slip away.

The low point? "That had to be the fact that we knew we weren't playing for the title," the coach admitted.

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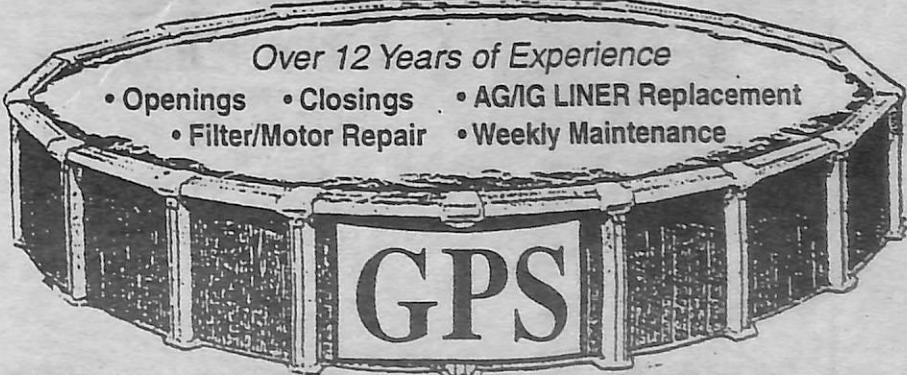


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Senior Softballers...



AS MEMBERS OF Agawam High's class of 1999, Lindsay Mason (above) and Ali Jackobek (below) wound up their pitching careers on the Brownies' softball team this season. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.



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A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day, wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting in God and His power.

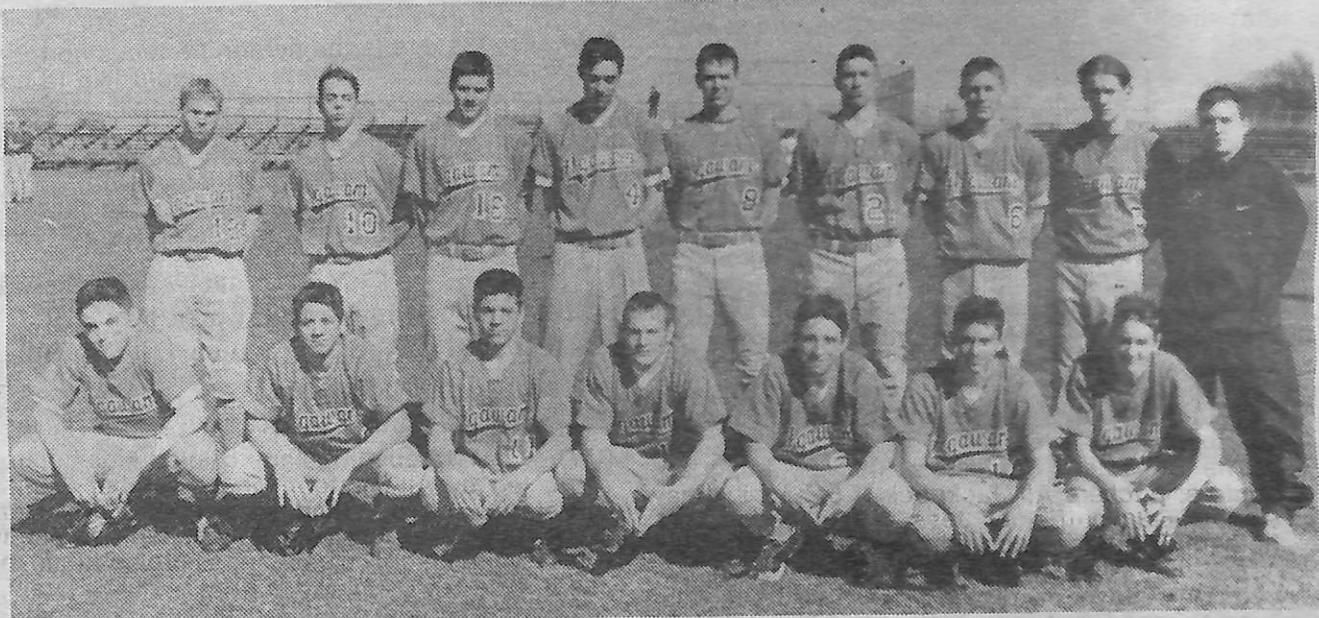
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AHS's Junior Varsity Baseball Team For 1999



BACK ROW: Marc Barcomb, Sean Gaffney, Mike Bonesteel, Bill Campana, Joe Manfredi, Ian Hogan, Brandon Donovan, Dan Boissonneault, and Coach Chris Chechile. FRONT ROW: Mike Hill, Aaron Gilbert, Corey Federico, Nick Beaudette, Mike Brunelle, Sean DeVall, and Sean Mercadante. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Profile...

Mike Carney Concludes Baseball Career At AHS As Part Of WMass. Champs

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One reason Agawam High did so well this past baseball season was the play of senior shortstop Mike Carney. Recently, he took some time out to talk about himself and his days as a Brownie.

Mike turned 18 on February 23rd. He stands five feet, 10-inches and weighs 140 pounds. All four years of his secondary education were spent at AHS. In his final semester, he took English 12, physics, integrated math, and history. Physics was his favorite course. The man who taught it, Arthur Gage, was his top teacher.

Right now, Mike is taking some time off. He'll be going to Westfield State College this fall, where he'll major in either sports medicine or computer science. "At this point, I'm leaning towards computer science. But that could change," he admitted.

Baseball was his sport in high school. He made the varsity this season and hit .253, with two homeruns and 15 runs batted in, after starring with the junior varsity, where he was the captain in his junior year. Mike also plays this summer for Agawam Legion Post 185, starting at shortstop.

There was no hesitation when he was asked what might be his most memorable sports moment. "Without a doubt, winning the Western Mass. championship this year. That was a great way to end a high school baseball career," he laughed.

He had this take on the season. "I was satisfied, despite our slow start. We had three goals - get to the playoffs, win at least 10 games getting there, and win Western Mass. The team

accomplished every one of them."

Mike's favorite food is pizza.

Green is his hue of choice.

A fairly new Mustang convertible would be his car.

His top team is the Boston Red Sox. Their all-star shortstop, Nomar Garciaparra, is his number-one athlete.

Mike likes to kick back and hang out at his friends' houses.

Anything casual suits him in the clothes department. He likes to shop for his duds at American Eagle.

"I like all kinds of music, except country," he said.

While Mike has no top TV show, he did say "Dumb and Dumber" was his favorite flick.

His dad's name is John. Nancy is his mom. Mike has a younger brother, Brian, who just completed his freshman year. Brian played frosh baseball and is also a starter, at second base, on the American Legion baseball team. He has a sister, Lisa, who is 10 years old.

He says his dad is the person he looks up to.

Now that he's a graduate, he would like to be remembered this way: "I was a normal, casual, smart, and athletic kid."

Varsity baseball Coach Peter Clark said of Mike, "He is a good middle infielder with good hands, that's why he played short. Like all the kids, he worked well within the team."



MIKE CARNEY

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Agawam Babe Ruth League Standings

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The top four black belts at the 1999 AAU TKD Championships will be eligible to compete at the USTU Nationals, from which Olympic Team Trial athletes are drawn.

Earlier this spring, 22 of Mr. Shugart's students qualified to compete in the Nationals by winning medals in Point Sparring, Olympic Sparring, and/or Patterns at Regional AAU Tournaments held at Norwich University and Franklin Pierce College and eight are going to participate in the 1999 championships.

The following athletes and coaches will be traveling to Iowa.

Competitors include Pam Boistelle, Rec. Black Belt; Ginger Giard, Yellow Belt; Todd Gordner, Black Belt; Larry Hoague, Black Belt; Rick LaPanne, Blue Belt; Colie Moore, Black Belt; Kevin Perreault, Black Belt; David Rossi, Black Belt.

Coaches are Michael Girard and Mr. Shugart.

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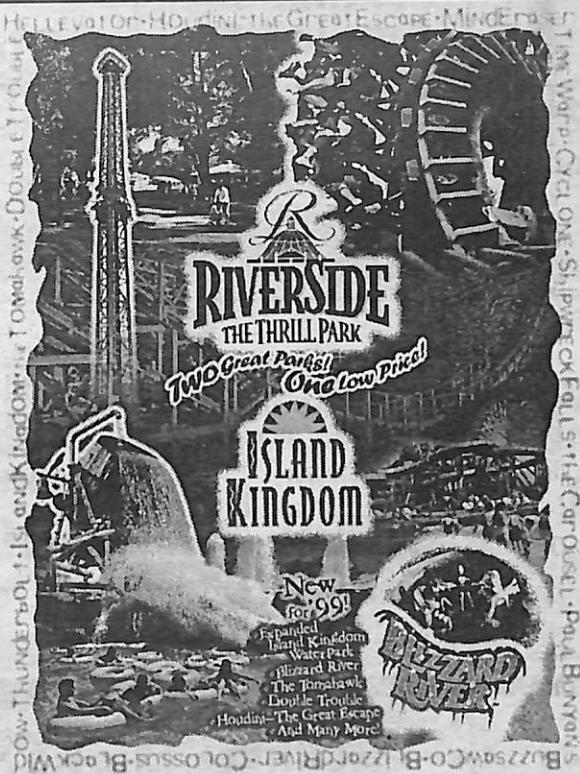
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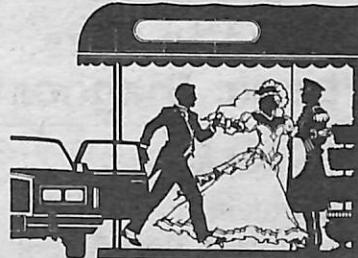
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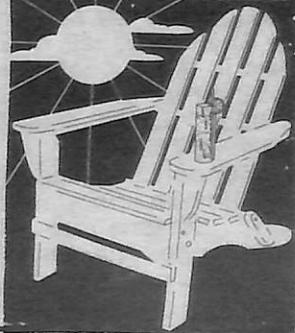
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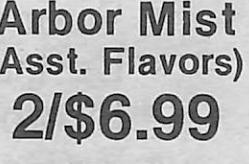
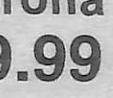
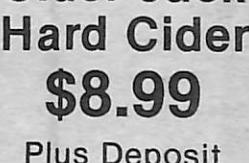
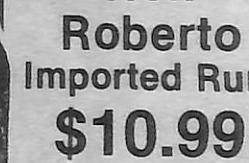
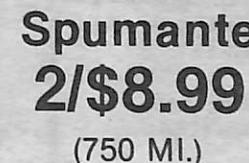
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Boys 10 and Under (Lower)

Christopher Joachim: 3rd in Floor, Vault, Rings, Parallel Bars, and All-Around, also Softball Throw, 75 Yd. Dash, and the Decathlon, 2nd on Pommel Horse, High Bar, Standing Broad Jump, Running Long Jump, and Shot Put, also he got 1st on Rope Climb.

Adam Stokowski: 3rd on Pommel Horse and High Bar, also on Running Long Jump, Shot Put, and Rope Climb, 2nd on Floor, Vault, Rings, and All-Around, also Softball Throw, 75 Yd. Dash, Standing Broad Jump, and the Decathlon, also 1st on Parallel Bars.

Boys 10 and Under (Upper)

Nathan Scuderi: 6th on Floor, Parallel Bars, and Pommel Horse, 5th on Rings and All-Around, also Running Long Jump, Shot Put, and Decathlon, 4th on Rope Climb, 3rd on Vault, 75 Yd. Dash, and Standing Broad Jump, 2nd on High Bar and Softball Throw.

Boys 11 and Older (Lower)

Jeffrey Joachim: 5th on Floor, Rings, Pommel Horse, and All-Around, also Softball Throw, 75 Yd. Dash, Shot Put, and Decathlon, 4th on Vault, Parallel Bars, and Standing Broad Jump, 3rd on High Bar, and 2nd on Running Long Jump.

Christopher Scuderi: 5th on High Bar, 4th on Vault, Pommel Horse, and All-Around, 3rd on Parallel Bars and in Decathlon, 2nd on Floor and Rings, and 1st in Softball Throw, 75 Yd. Dash, Standing Broad Jump, Running Long Jump, Shot Put, and Rope Climb.

Girls 12-14 (Advanced Lower)

Nicole Margiotta: 20th in Standing Broad Jump, 14th in 75 Yd. Dash, 11th in Running Long Jump and Softball Throw, 8th in Septathlon, All-Around, and Beam, 7th in Shot Put, 6th on Uneven Bars, 3rd on Floor, and 2nd on Vault.

Nicole Payeur: 25th in Standing Broad Jump, 22nd in 75 Yd. Dash, 19th in Softball Throw, 12th in Running Long Jump, 6th in Septathlon, 5th on Uneven Bars, Floor, and Rope Climb, 4th on Beam and All-Around, and 2nd on Vault.

Sarah Huffman: 18th in Softball Throw, 12th in Running Long Jump, 11th in 75 Yd. Dash and Standing Broad Jump, 9th on Shot Put, 7th on Beam, 6th on Vault, 4th in Septathlon, 3rd on Uneven Bars and All-Around, and 1st on Floor.

Girls 12-14 (Middle)

Tami Burmeister: 23rd in Softball Throw, 9th in Rope Climb, 8th in Shot Put and Vault, 7th in 75 Yd. Dash and Standing Broad Jump, 6th in Running Long Jump, 5th in Septathlon, 4th on Floor and All-Around, 3rd on Uneven Bars, and 2nd on Beam.

Alison Dassatti: 23rd in Standing Broad Jump, 17th in 75 Yd. Dash, 9th on Running Long Jump, 8th on Uneven Bars, 7th on Softball Throw, 6th on

Rope Climb and Septathlon, 5th in All-Around, 4th on Beam, 3rd on Vault, and 2nd on Floor.
Girls 15-18 (Middle)

Maryann Connors: 10th in Softball Throw, 9th in 75 Yd. Dash and Running Long Jump, 7th in Standing Broad Jump, 6th in Shot Put, 3rd in Septathlon, Floor, Vault, and All-Around, and 2nd on Uneven Bars and Floor.

Girls 15-18 (Upper)

Lisa Marsh: 9th in Shot Put, 8th in Running Long Jump, 4th in 75 Yd. Dash, Standing, Broad Jump, and Uneven Bars, 3rd in Softball Throw and Floor, 2nd on Vault, and 1st in Septathlon, Beam, and All-Around.

Dolores Cuccovia: 11th in Softball Throw, 75 Yd. Dash, and Standing Broad Jump, 10th in Running Long Jump, 6th in Rope Climb and Septathlon, 5th on Beam, 4th on Floor, Vault, and All-Around, and 2nd on Bars.

Girls 19 and Older (All)

Jessica Hansen: 2nd in Uneven Bars, Floor, Vault, All-Around, Septathlon, Softball Throw, Standing Broad Jump, Running Long Jump, Shot Put, and Rope Climb, and 1st on Beam and 75 Yd. Dash.

Girls 9-11 (Advanced Level)

Meagan Pike: 18th in Standing Broad Jump, 17th on 75 Yd. Dash, 13th in Softball Throw, 8th on Beam and Floor, 6th in All-Around, 5th in Septathlon and Vault, 4th on Uneven Bars, and 1st on Rope.

Girls 9-11 (Lower)

Lisa Couture: 21st in 75 Yd. Dash, 17th Softball Throw, 15th on Vault, 11th in Standing Broad Jump, 7th in Rope Climb, All-Around, and Uneven Bars, 5th on Floor and Beam, and 4th in Septathlon.

Brittany Margiotta: 15th on Uneven Bars, 13th on Floor, All-Around, and Running Long Jump, 12th on Beam, 9th in Septathlon, 8th in Softball Throw and Standing Broad Jump, 7th on Vault, and 1st in Shot Put.

Jordan Pike: 33rd in Standing Broad Jump, 30th in Softball Throw, 18th in All-Around, 17th on Beam and Vault, 14th in 75 Yd. Dash, Septathlon, and Uneven Bars, 13th on Floor, and 9th in Running Long Jump.

Girls 9-11 (Middle)

Meghan Little: 27th in Softball Throw, 23rd in 75 Yd. Dash, 7th in Running Long Jump, 5th on Floor, 4th in Septathlon, Uneven Bars, and Vault, 3rd on Beam and All-Around, and 2nd in Standing Broad Jump.

Alli Stokowski: 23rd in Standing Broad Jump, 15th in Softball Throw, 9th in 75 Yd. Dash, 6th in Shot Put and in Rope Climb, 5th in Septathlon, Uneven Bars, and All-Around, 4th on Floor, and 2nd on Beam and Vault.

We would like to thank the four parents who participated in the Turnfest: Craig Little, Curtis Burmeister, Laura Garvey, and Heidi Payeur.

Also, the coaches and Adams Turners would like to thank the parents who helped out Adams as timers and measurers during our track and field portion of the competition.

Sunday Night Summer Soccer League Standings

MEN'S DIVISION I

TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Brownies	1	0	0	3
Hopkins Academy	1	0	0	3
Cougars	1	0	0	3
Team Pickles	1	0	0	3
Tsunami	1	0	0	3
United Force	1	0	0	3
Green Bleed	0	1	0	0
Agawam HS	0	1	0	0
Ireland	0	1	0	0
Napoli	0	1	0	0
England	0	1	0	0
Phat Boyz	0	1	0	0

MEN'S DIVISION II

TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Brazil	2	0	0	6
Hackers	1	0	0	3
Holland	1	0	0	3
Bosnia	0	0	1	1
Springfield PD	0	0	1	1
USA	0	1	0	0
France	0	1	0	0
The Gap	0	1	0	0
Italy	0	1	0	0

WOMEN'S DIVISION

TEAMS	W	L	T	P
WS (Mason)	1	0	0	3
Germany	1	0	0	3
Canada	1	0	0	3
Norway	1	0	0	3
Sweden	0	1	0	0
WS High School	0	1	0	0
Standard Center	0	1	0	1
Holy Name	0	1	0	0
Mexico	0	0	0	0
Argentina	0	0	0	0

All games are played at the Agawam Junior High School on Sunday afternoon/evenings.

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AHS Girls' Track Team At Banquet...



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It's the ultimate cage match of motorsports! Featuring slam-banging racing action of all kinds, Riverside Park Speedway's Thrills and Spills Series brought the Agawam quarter-mile track to life on Sunday night, June 13th.

In the program's main event, John Yagmin of Wethersfield, CT, captured the 50-lap, full-size enduro, and Joe Townsley of Simsbury, CT, won the four-cylinder enduro race. The exciting night was topped off with a wild demolition derby, and Jim Consalvo of East Hartford, CT, outlasted them all for the smashing win.

Traditional stock car racing was also included in the program, and veteran driver Keith DeSantis of Monson, MA, captured the 20-lap Super Stock race. Palmer, MA driver Todd McGuire, a rookie in the Mini Stock division, picked up his first career win ahead of Cromwell, CT's Toby Clouser.

The Jimmy Fund Police division, which features real police officers racing in real race cars, saw Ludlow, MA police officer Eric Jenks drive his number-three car to victory. The Jimmy Fund Police division is a fundraiser event for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute Jimmy Fund, and fans' donations to the officers have raised over \$60,000 since the division's inception 10 years ago.

The new and improved Di-Hard truck division, featuring race-prepared half-ton pickup trucks, was in action, and Torrington, CT's Don Truskaukas took down the 15-lap feature win.

The Thrills and Spills Series continues on Sunday, June 27th, with more car-crunching action.

For more information, call (413) 786-9300 or visit www.riversideparkspeedway.com on the world wide web.

Recreation Dept. Offering Swimming & Tennis Lessons

There are still openings for the summer swimming and tennis lessons. Lessons are offered in two-week sessions beginning Monday, June 28th.

Swimming lessons are offered at the Perry Lane pool between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for \$15. Tennis lessons are offered at the High School tennis courts between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon for \$20.

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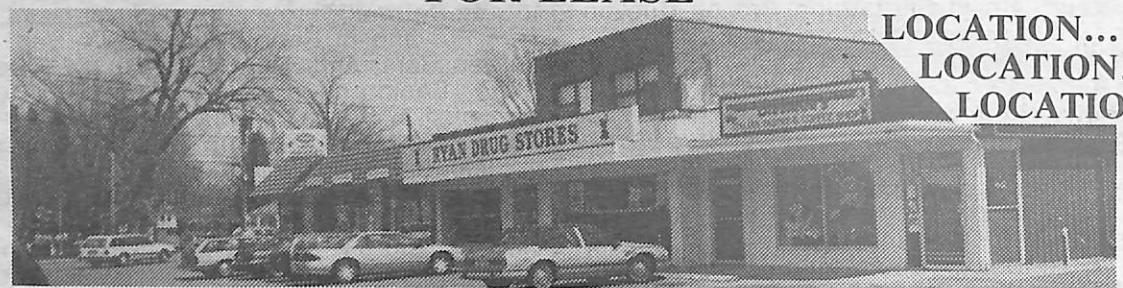


LAST MONTH AT CHEZ JOSEF, the Agawam High girls' track team held its end-of-the-season banquet. IN TOP LEFT PHOTO: Assistant Coach Dan Pryce, Christine Campbell, Lindsey Hadden, Danielle DeForge, Jessica Dutton, and Coach Dean Vecchiarelli. IN PHOTO ABOVE: standing - Katie Theroux, AnnMarie Dimauro, Melissa Crough, Lindsey Hadden, Jill Maslowski, Danielle DeForge, and Kristin Pisano; seated - Cathy Dickinson, Jessica Dutton, Christine Campbell, Tara Fleming, Leila Mouneimneh, and Eva Donnerhack. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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A RECENT BEAUTIFUL DAY BROUGHT OUT a large turnout for the annual Sears Golf Outing. Many Sears employees are from the Agawam area, and they helped raise funds for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry and won various prizes. Scott Richards of Agawam was a net winner, and fellow resident Al Runshaw (pictured above) won the top prize at the tournament. A check from the proceeds was given to Candy Bouchee, the new director of the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry.

Boys' Track Team Enjoys Banquet...



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S boys' track team recently enjoyed the season-ending banquet at Chez Josef. IN PHOTO ABOVE: standing - Tom Shibley, Josh Sprague, Peter Bitzas, Marc Pedraza, Jay Gagne, Jay Plamondon, and Justin Kratovil; seated - Aaron Skowyra, Bob Fuller, Asbel Nunez, Joe DeCaro, and Jay Flood. IN PHOTO BELOW: Assistant Coach Chris Benjamin, seniors Josh Sprague, Jay Gagne, Marc Pedraza, Assistant Coach Joe Bianca, and Coach Bill Dillon. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

A Full Day Of Fishing...

Recently, I was able to take a fishing trip aboard the Helen H out of Hyannis, MA. Captain Joe Huckmeyer's Helen H is a 100-foot fishing boat complete with berthing facilities. The ship sails from port around midnight. The ship has two brand-new diesel engines and a competent crew. The new computer-controlled engines give added speed and fuel economy so that the ship can sail to the distant, seldom-fished wrecks.

Capt. Joe Huckmeyer has owned the boat for about 20 years and still has that "fire in the belly" enthusiasm for getting his clients into fish.

Although the sleeping quarters are more like the Navy than the Ritz, you can get a good night's sleep as the vessel steams to its destination. At first light, you are awake, well-rested, and on the fishing grounds.

On the limited wreck trip that I was on, the fishermen were limited in number to 25. This assured ample room for everyone.

Captain Joe and the crew of the Helen H are experienced and friendly. You always had the feeling that they were really there to work for your enjoyment.

Our first stop in the morning was a wreck in about 180 feet of water.

The captain keeps a watchful eye on the fish finder and positions the boat so that it will drift over the wreck with the current.

Motor drifting, as it is known, provides a better opportunity to cover a wreck completely. We drifted over another nearby wreck and got into some larger fish. When the current gets really fast, there is not a lot of time for the baits to be in the fish-holding area, and shortly the boat gets underway and positions itself for another productive drift.

When using clams for bait, some anglers feel they need to put a huge gob of bait on each hook, but the more knowledgeable ones use a smaller piece and achieve a greater percentage of hook-ups.

The best method is to keep constant contact with the bottom, without letting the sinker drag. Doubles are not uncommon, and a pair of hefty cod can give you a workout.

When the fish are really hitting, the mates are busy gaffing fish and keeping lines untangled. They are never too busy, though, to give the novice some good advice and take a real interest

Agawam Little League Major Division Standings (End Of 1999)

TEAMS	W	L
Teddy Bear Pools Orioles	11	3
T.V.S. Communications	10	4
Yankees		
McNair Business Machine	9	5
Mets		
Scott's Citgo Red Sox	7	7
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in seeing that everyone is catching fish.

Once the signal is given to haul up the lines for the trip home, the bunk beds fill with weary anglers. The mates expertly fillet the catch for those who desire it, and the long ride back is usually spent in sound sleep.

On these extended trips, the ship usually returns around 9:00 at night. It is more enjoyable to be rested before driving home, especially if you have to go to work in the morning. These trips are slightly more expensive than the regular-style day trips, but the added fishing time and the chance to get some extra sleep are well worth it.

The Helen H is a first-class operation! Fishermen came from as far as New Jersey and Pennsylvania. These fellows are all repeat customers. They don't mind the seven-or-more-hour drive. The fish-finding skills of Capt. Huckmeyer and the competence of his crew make it all worthwhile.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

George from BG's Pro Tackle in Enfield reports that while there are still some stripers in the river, the smallmouth action has picked up strong. Cat fishermen are starting to dot the night waters of the river with the glow of stern lights, as some big cats are being taken.

Kurt over at Saunders Marina in Southwick reported that some nice bass came out of South Pond deep in the back of the pad field.

From fishing buddy George Powling comes a first-hand report of some nice Northern Pike whacking black Cavitron Buzz Baits while fishing for bass at the Oxbow.

SALT WATER

Capt. Joe Huckmeyer of the Helen H reported by cell phone at presstime that the cod were hitting well on the wrecks and some of the hard-bottom areas of the banks. Largest cod of the day was about 30 pounds, with pollack up to 18 pounds being caught along with the cod. Porgy fishing is reported to be getting better.

Boats working The Race and Valient Rock are taking mixed bags of blues and stripers. Surf fishing is improving along the Rhode Island shores.

Capt. Larry Zarella of Outrage Charters on the Cape reports that bass in the 40-pound bracket are coming over the sides of his new boat almost daily. He is fishing along some of the rips at Nantucket Shoals.

Fluke action is on and off, but is picking up. Areas around the "pink house" at Misquamicut are producing. The mouth of the Connecticut River is also giving up some fluke, but you have to work at it.

FUNDRAISING DINNER THIS SATURDAY

The Sportsmen's Land Trust will be holding a fundraising dinner at the Tunxis Club in Tolland, MA, this Saturday, June 26th, with the social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each, and they are available at 630 Silver Street, Room 30, 789-3720, or by calling Rick Vincunas at 786-8828.



**Golf Tip Of
The Week...**
Compiled by
Jim Modzelesky,
PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club,
Feeding Hills, MA

Hit The Three...

A good drill for practicing short putts is to try to roll them at different parts of the hole.

The idea is to get you to be more precise. Don't just aim for the hole. Aim for the left of the hole, or the right of the hole.

When you can do that easily, start aiming for the dead center.

Lisa Ziegert Golf Tournament & Family Picnic On July 4th

The annual Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 4th, at the Agawam Country Club. The tournament will be followed by a family picnic at the VFW on South Street in Agawam, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. Donation for the picnic is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids (ages five and under are free).

The proceeds will benefit the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund, which was founded shortly after her death. The fund is used to provide scholarships and to purchase school equipment such as computers, instruments, books, etc., for students in the Agawam school system.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the golf tournament should call Rick Brignoli at 786-2098 or Shelley Borgatti-Reed at 786-4960. Picnic tickets will be sold at the door.

Summer Baseball Camp To Be Held Once Again At Sacred Heart

The Coaches Camp will once again be running their summer baseball camp at Sacred Heart Church. The camp will be run for two separate weeks this summer.

The dates will be July 19th and July 26th. The cost of the camp is \$100. During the week, the fundamentals of baseball will be covered, as well as games being played daily.

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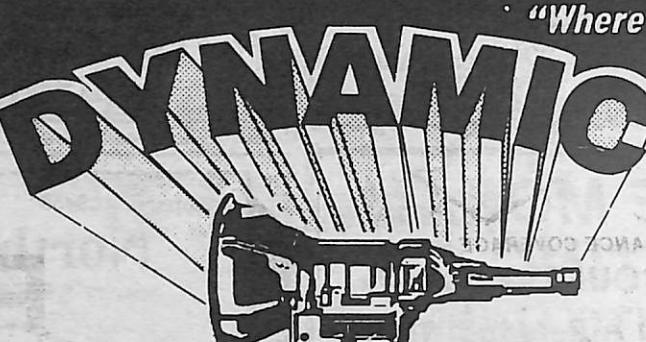


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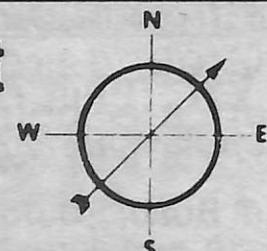
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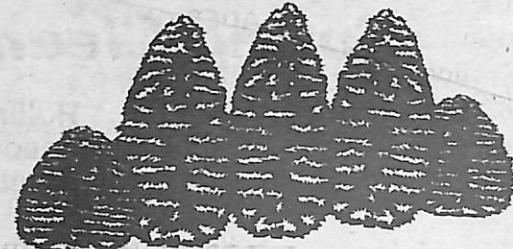
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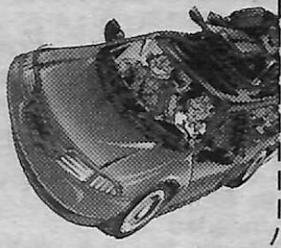
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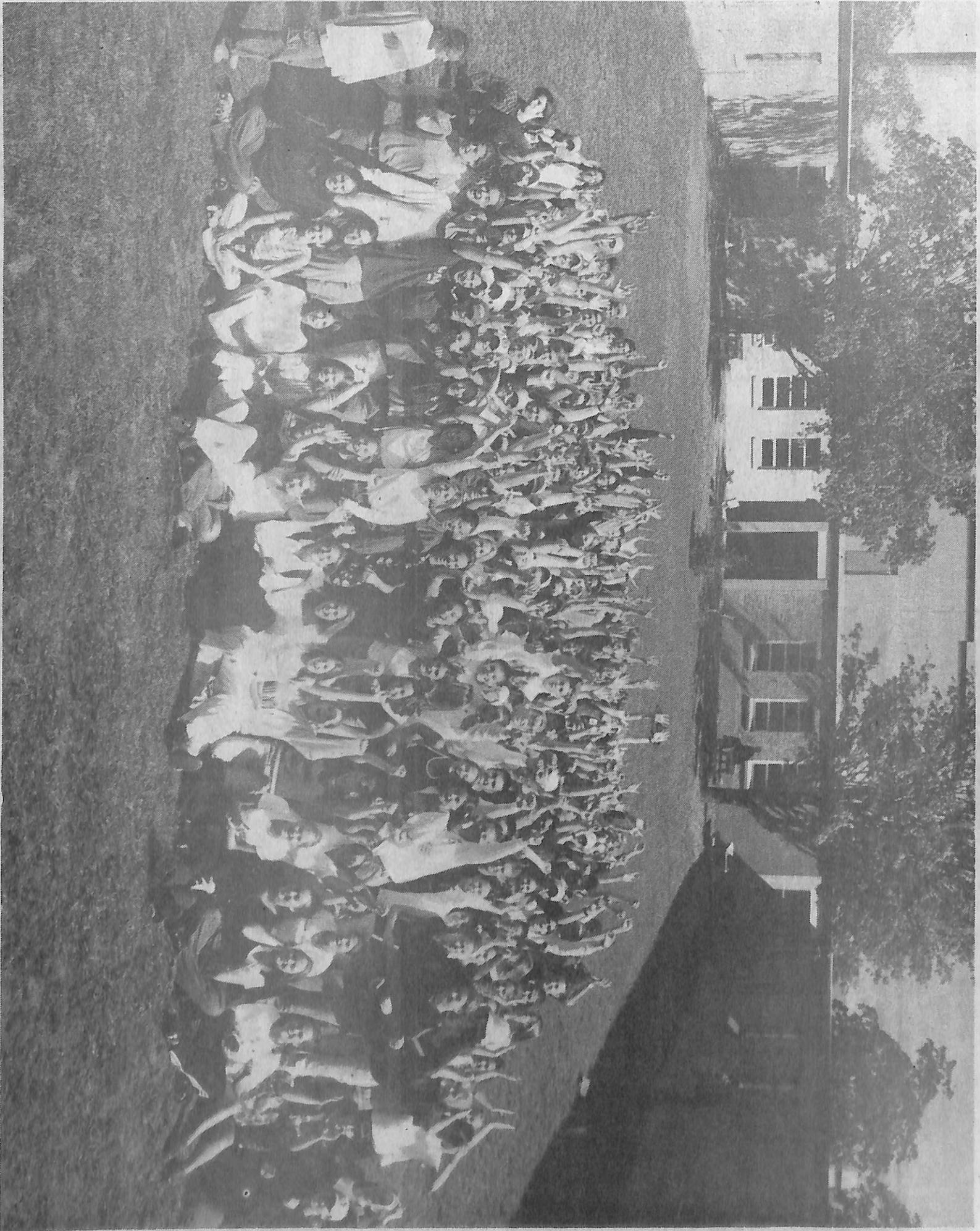


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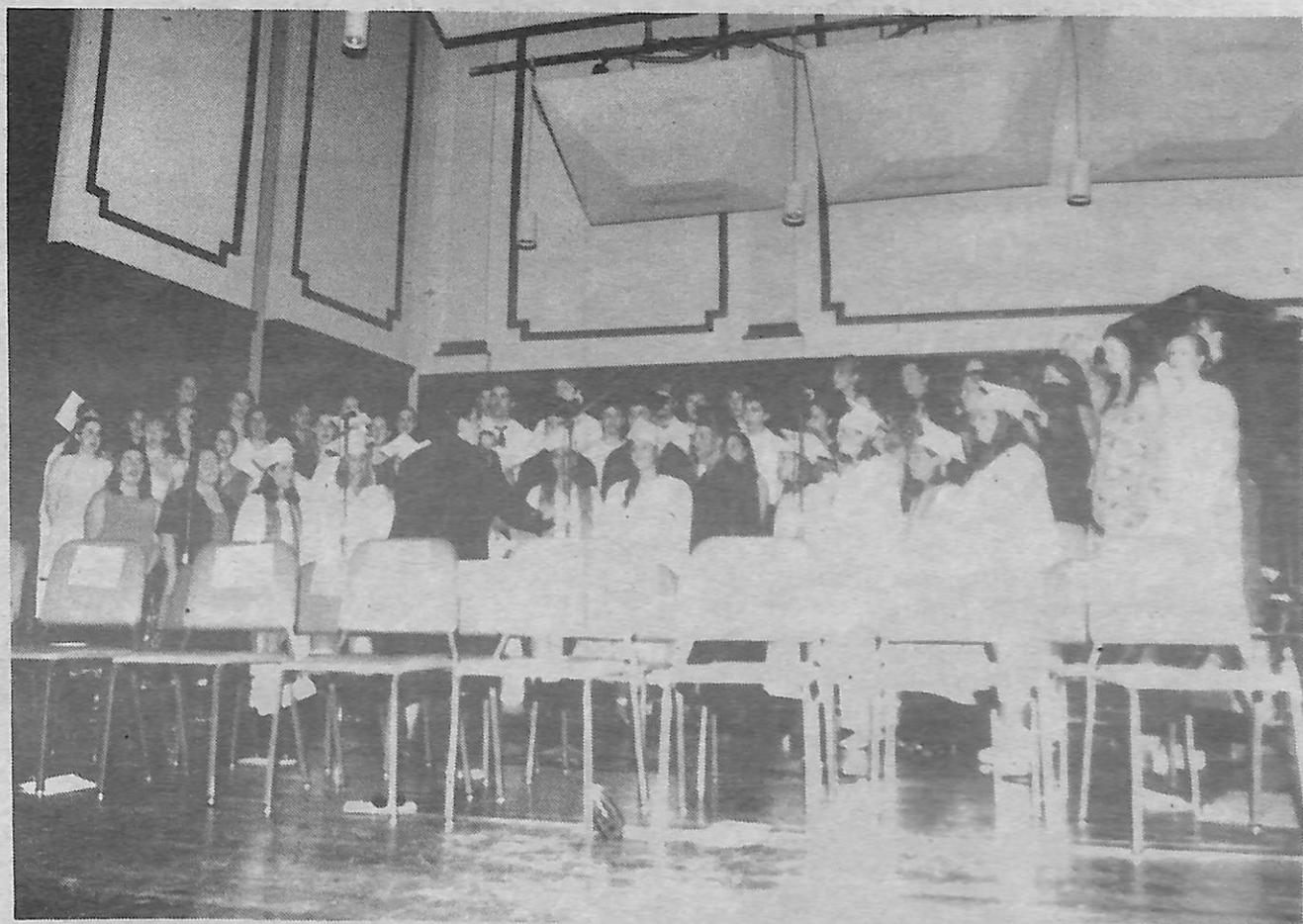
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Sean T. Metz, Sean Patrick Michel, Jessica Lynn Montagna, Alison Lynn Moran, ••□& Holly Rebecca Moren, Galina Helen Mosijchuk, •□&★ Leila Anne Mouneimneh.

•&★ Kornelia Moysis, Nicholas Leslie Mullaney, Shequela Monique Mungin, Scott Allan Murphy, &•Sarah E. Nacewicz, Marie Ann Nevue, •&★ Jennifer Lynn Niedziela, Jessica Marie Nolan, Asbel Nunez, Jr., Michael Thomas O'Connor, Erin Marie O'Sullivan, Patricia Ann O'Toole, ••Ronald Alexander Ogulewicz, Michelle Anne Padla, ••Jamie Allison Pavelcsyk, Marc Antonio Pedraza, Jr., Mathieu David Perry, •&★ Amanda Lorraine Peters, Justin Anthony Petrangelo, William Robert Pierson, Kimberly Ann Pietroniro, Kristin Ann Pisano, Jason Robert Plamondon.

Wesley Clark Pomeroy, Eric Thomas Preston, Stephanie Marie Prout, •Roberta Marie Przybyla, ★ Andrew Edmund Radwanski, Patrick Garry Renna, ★&••Erin Elizabeth Rescigno, &Nikita Prabodh Reshamwala, ••&★ Rebecca Sue Rising, •★ Crystal Lynn Rivers, Christopher Wayne Robblee, ✓Charlie Douglas Roberts, Melissa Beth Rodriguez, Richard Rodriguez, Anthony R. Romano, •★ Brian Matthew Rondeau, Derek James Root, Derek John Rose.

&•✓Shelley Elizabeth Rose, ••★ Christopher J. Rousseau, Jillian Lee Rouvellat, ••★ Leanne Marie Ryan, ••Sarah Ryder, •Robert Angelo Santaniello, Umberto E. Santaniello, ✓★ Mario Anthony Santillo, Michael Thomas Schmidt, ✓••Thomas J. Shibley, •Alicyn Kate Siano, Jennifer Loren Silva, Jason Robert Sinay, ★•Aaron Josef Skowyra, Galen Edward Sprague.

Joshua Russell Sprague, Jennifer Lyli Stacy, James William Stellato, ✓Sara Esther Stevenson, •David Thomas Strole, Kelly Marie Sullivan, Erik John Sunny, Marie Suzanne Svadeba, •✓★ Emily Ann Tampone, Joyce-Ann K.C. Tedone, •✓★ Laura Anne Tenerowicz, Katharine Frances Theroux, ••★ David Jeffery Thomas, •Kara Joy Tierney, Tina Tirone, Daniella Tirone, Christopher W. Trevehan, Jessica Hollie Tudry, Abby Jean Turner.

Elizabeth Kelly Vazquez, Nicole M. Walters, Stephen G. Walters, Christopher Francis Wayte, John N. Weinle IV, Robert L. Welch, ••Theresa Jean Wesley, Koren Ann Whitney, Amy Mae Wilkes, ★Allison Marie Willett, Kelly Willett, ••★ Melissa K. Williams, Michael Joseph Wood, Robert B. Wray, Robert Wyatt Wrigley, Nicole Marie Yvon, •✓&★ Patricia Elizabeth Zerra, Kimberly Marie Ziembra.

NOTE:

- National Honor Society
- Pro Merito
- ★ Renaissance
- & Quill & Scroll
- ✓ Peer Leadership
- La Societe Honoraire De Francais
- / La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica
- * In Absentia

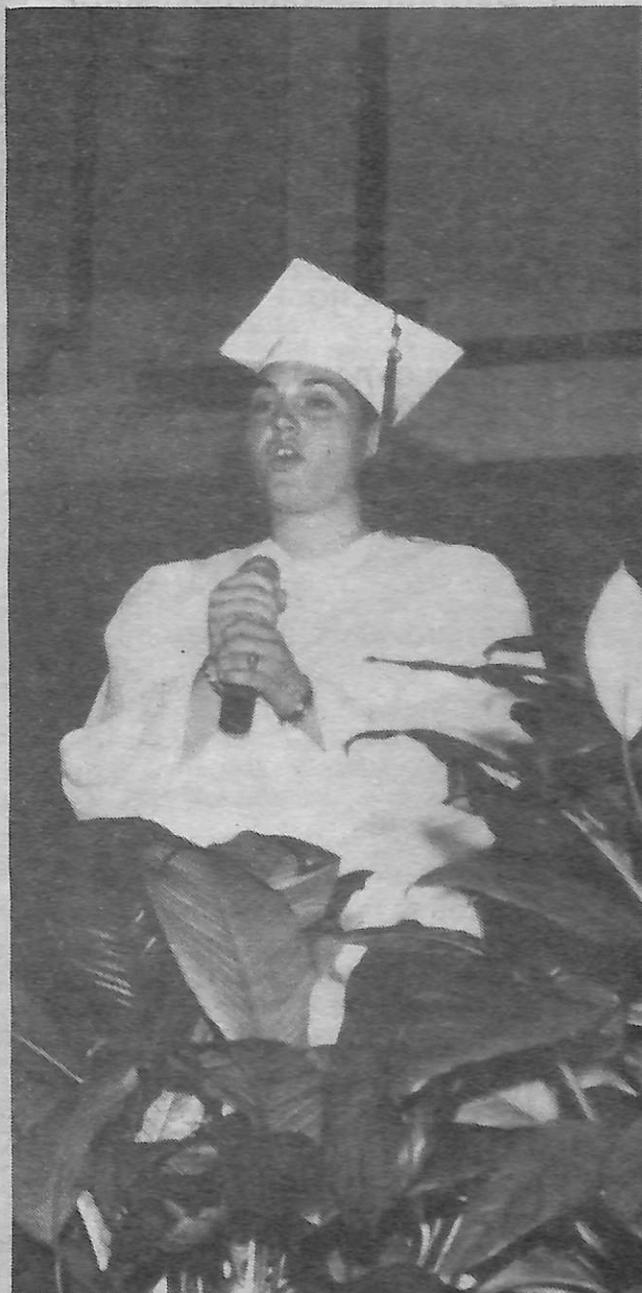
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MELISSA SPARVERI (left photo) and JANE SANTUCCI (right photo) served as this year's Junior Marshals at Agawam High School's commencement, which was held on Sunday, June 13th, at Springfield Symphony Hall.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Daniel Balbony, Class President, addresses the 1999 graduates. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Soloist Kristin Chmielewski sings "The Star Spangled Banner."



Graduation 1999 - continued...

AHS's 1999 Scholarships And Awards

BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ACCOUNTING I (COLLEGE CREDIT)

Gregory Jubinville, Anthony Kosinski, Jennifer McGuire, Mario Santillo.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ACCOUNTING I

Jamie Pavelcsyk.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BUSINESS MATH/CALCULATOR

Joni Brodeur, Michelle Bruyette.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Theresa Wesley.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DESKTOP PUBLISHING I

Michelle Bitgood, Ann Marie DiMauro.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DESKTOP PUBLISHING II

Ann Marie DiMauro, Jason Grimaldi.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN COMPUTER KEYBOARDING

Elizabeth Curry.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WORD PROCESSING II

Debra Boissonneault, Danielle DeForge.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BUSINESS SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

Theresa Wesley.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Bridget Donovan, Matthew Gomes, Nicole Macey, Sarah Nacewicz, Richard Rodriguez, Jillian Rouvellat, Kara Tierney, Daniella Tirone.

WESTBANK BUSINESS AWARD

Theresa Wesley.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER AWARDS

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN LANDSCAPING AND HORTICULTURE

Michael Lyons.

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN ELECTRONICS

Donald Demers.

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

Charles Denison, Paul LaBarre, Todd Lovell, Richard Rodriguez, Sarah Ryder, Thomas Shibley.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH

Jennifer McGuire, Alicyn Siano, Emily Tampone, David Thomas.

MILDRED REED ENGLISH AWARD

Danielle DeForge.

21ST CENTURY BOOK AWARD FOR PUBLICATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Danielle DeForge, Leila Mouneimneh, Nikita Reshamwala, Karen Whitney.

HEALTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Andrea Cizek, Kristin Pisano.

EXCELLENCE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Cassie Andre, Kimberly Bosini, Michelle Bruyette, Andrea Cizek, Elizabeth Curry, Erin Hanley, Jennifer Loomis, Lindsay Mason, Jessica Montagna, Kristin Pisano, Sara Stevenson, Emily Tampone, Melissa Williams.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CULINARY ARTS

Melissa Danyow.

EXCELLENCE IN CULINARY ARTS

Diane Balicki, Noelle Baskin, Pia Bertone-Gross, Danielle Bourdeau, Michelle Bruyette, Melissa Danyow, Diana Marsh, Jamie Pavelcsyk, Kelly Sullivan, David Thomas.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Daniel Balbony, Pia Bertone-Gross, Franca Bonavita, Trina Bowler, Dawn Bucalo, Christine Campbell, Heather Cincotta, Melissa Cote, Charles Denison, Timothy Faust, Colleen Fenton, Jason Grimaldi, Paul LaBarre, Nicole Macey, Jennifer Niedziela, Charlie Roberts, Brian Rondeau, Shelley Rose, Jillian Rouvellat, Mario Santillo, Katharine Theroux.

HONOR CORDS AND ACHIEVEMENT PINS

ART

Sarah Nacewicz.

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Anthony Kosinski.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Brian Rondeau, Mario Santillo.

ENGLISH

Mario Santillo.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Michelle Bruyette.

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AT THE RECENTLY HELD AWARDS ASSEMBLY at Agawam High School (from left to right): AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski, Mayor Christopher Johnson, Deputy Superintendent Donald Charest, Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski, and State Representative Daniel Keenan.



THE MEMBERS OF Agawam High School's class of 1999 during the awards assembly in the school's auditorium.



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND, under Band Director Tamara Watson, in performance during AHS's 1999 commencement at Springfield Symphony Hall.



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MATHEMATICS

Mario Santillo.

MUSIC

Roberta Przybyla.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Joseph DeCaro.

SCIENCE

Mario Santillo.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Jennifer Niedziela.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Sean Lavin.

WORLD LANGUAGE

Alicyn Siano.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Brian Rondeau, Mario Santillo.

MATH TEAM AWARDS

Charles Denison, Jason Grimaldi, Mario Santillo.

MATH CLUB AWARDS

Jillian Abdow, Cassie Andre, Michelle Beaudette, Erik Bodurtha, Kimberly Bosini, Danielle Bourdeau, Jessica Lynn Briotta, Andrea Cizek, Melissa Crough, Danielle DeForge, Jessica Dutton, Jason Flood, Nicole Macey, Lindsay Mason, Leila Mouneimneh, Nikita Reshamwala, Aaron Skowyra, David Strole.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Daniel Balbony, Michelle Beaudette, Erik Bodurtha, Kimberly Bosini, Danielle Bourdeau, Jessica Lynn Briotta, Andrea Cizek, Melissa Crough, Danielle DeForge, Charles Denison, David Federico, Joseph Fiore, Jason Flood, Jason Gagne, Jason Grimaldi, Erin Hanley, Heather Hughes, Alison Jackobek, Gregory Jubinville, Evan Konopka, Justin Kratovil, Paul LaBarre, Jennifer Loomis, Nicole Macey, Martha Manning, Lisa Marsh, Brenna McGinn, Jennifer McGuire, Leila Mouneimneh, Kornelia Moysis, Sarah Nacewicz, Jennifer Niedziela, Amanda Peters, Roberta Przybyla, Nikita Reshamwala, Crystal Rivers, Brian Rondeau, Shelley Rose, Robert Santaniello, Mario Santillo, Alicyn Siano, Aaron Skowyra, David Strole, Emily Tampone, Laura Tenerowicz, Kara Tierney, Patricia Zerra.

PEER LEADERSHIP

Joni Brodeur, Paul LaBarre, Jennifer Loomis, Martha Manning, Jennifer McGuire, Nathan Meade, Charlie Roberts, Shelley Rose, Thomas Shibley, Sara Stevenson, Emily Tampone, Laura Tenerowicz, Patricia Zerra.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Erik Bodurtha, Kimberly Bosini, Danielle Bourdeau, Jessica Lynn Briotta, Melissa Crough, Charles Denison, Ann Marie DiMauro, Jason Flood, Erin Hanley, Alison Jackobek, Paul LaBarre, Jennifer Loomis, Yuri Lukin, Jennifer McGuire, Sarah Nacewicz, Jennifer Niedziela, Amanda Peters, Roberta Przybyla, Nikita Reshamwala, Crystal Rivers, Brian Rondeau, Shelley Rose, Mario Santillo, David Strole, Patricia Zerra.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

Donald Demers, Bridget Donovan, Jennifer Gates, Matthew Guillemette, Bonnie Liamis, Michael Lyons, Amy Wilkes.

PRO MERITO

Matthew Albano, Cassie Andre, Pia Bertone-Gross, Michelle Bitgood, Joni Brodeur, Andrew Charko, Glenn Corlett, Kelly Cortis, Melissa Cote, Michael DeFilipi, Ann Marie DiMauro, Jessica Dutton, Shaunessey Egan, Jason Fiore, Robert Fuller, Angela Gontczaruk, Jasjit Gotra, Christina Gregory, Brian Howes, Anthony Kosinski, Sarah Latif, Todd Lovell, Yuri Lukin, Barbara Maloni, Diana Marsh, Lindsay Mason, Holly Moren, Ronald Ogulewicz, Jamie Pavelcysk, Erin Rescigno, Rebecca Rising, Christopher Rousseau, Leanne Ryan, Sarah Ryder, Thomas Shibley, David Thomas, Theresa Wesley, Melissa Williams.

QUILL AND SCROLL INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISTS

Daniel Balbony, Michelle Beaudette, Jessica Briotta, Melissa Cote, Shaunessey Egan, Robert Fuller, Jason Gagne, Christina Gregory, Heather Hughes, Justin Kratovil, Sarah Latif, Nicole Macey, Lisa Marsh, Brenna McGinn, Jennifer McGuire, Holly Moren, Leila Mouneimneh, Kornelia Moysis, Sarah Nacewicz, Jennifer Niedziela, Amanda Peters, Erin Rescigno, Nikita Reshamwala, Rebecca Rising, Shelley Rose, Patricia Zerra.

RADIOSHACK TANDY SCHOLARS

Brian Rondeau, Mario Santillo.

RENAISSANCE

Michelle Beaudette, Pia Bertone-Gross, Kimberly Bosini, Danielle Bourdeau, Jessica Briotta, Joni Brodeur, Andrea Cizek, Melissa Danyow, Joseph DeCaro, Charles Denison, Jason Fiore, Jason Flood, Robert Fuller, Jason Grimaldi, Brian Howes, Paul LaBarre, Jennifer Loomis, Nicole Macey, Martha Manning, Diana Marsh, Lisa Marsh, April McLain, Leila Mouneimneh, Kornelia Moysis, Jennifer Niedziela, Amanda Peters, Andrew Radwanski, Rebecca Rising, Crystal Rivers, Brian Rondeau, Christopher Rousseau, Leanne Ryan, Mario Santillo, Emily Tampone, Laura Tenerowicz, David Thomas, Allison Willett, Melissa Williams, Patricia Zerra.

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RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS from the Agawam Junior Women's Club: Thomas Shibley, Aaron Skowyra, Brenna McGinn, Lisa Marsh, Nicole Macey, Jessica Dutton, Brian Machos, and Donna Shibley (member of the Junior Women's Club). (Missing from photo: scholarship recipient Dave Gallerani.)



AT A RECENT MEETING of the Agawam Rotary Club at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield: Rotarian Gene Reopel, "Ray McCaroll Scholarship" recipients Thomas Shibley and Jay Flood, and Rotarians Gina-Marie Letellier and Dr. Buddy Denison.



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS Ray Olson (far left) and James Loomis, Jr. (far right) with this year's scholarship winners: Greg Jubinville, Patricia Zerra, Heather Hughes, Jennifer Loomis, Alison Jackobek, and Mario Santillo.



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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BIOLOGY

Mario Santillo.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CHEMISTRY

Mario Santillo.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN PHYSICS

Mario Santillo.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

DAR - AMERICAN HISTORY AWARD

Shelley Rose.

STONEHILL COLLEGE "HONOR SCHOLAR"

Melissa Crough.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

ART ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Juliana Batista, Kimberly Bosini, Amy Champagne, Lindsey Hadden, Sarah Latif, Lisa Marsh, Jill Maslowski, Jamie Pavelcsyk, Leanne Ryan, Patricia Zerra.

ARION NATIONAL AWARD FOR CHORUS

Kristin Chmielewski.

ARION NATIONAL AWARD FOR MUSICIANSHP

Nina Konig, Mario Santillo.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG NATIONAL JAZZ AWARD

Charles Denison.

SEMPER FIDELIS AWARD FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Angela Gontczaruk.

WOODY HERMAN NATIONAL JAZZ AWARD

Christopher Trevethan.

LARRY J. ORENSTEIN, JR. BAND SPIRIT AWARD

Danielle Bourdeau, Rebecca Rising.

JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA NATIONAL BAND AWARD

Shelley Rose.

LISA M. ZIEGERT BAND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Jennifer McGuire, Jessica Nolan.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR BAND

Evan Konopka, Nathan Meade.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR COLOR GUARD

Jennifer Loomis, Laura Tenerowicz.

IMPROVEMENT IN BAND AWARD

Alison Jackobek, Emily Tampone.

IMPROVEMENT IN JAZZ BAND AWARD

Mathieu Perry, Erik Sunny.

IMPROVEMENT IN COLOR GUARD AWARD

Martha Manning, Sara Stevenson.

BAND RECOGNITION AWARD

Marie Hubin.

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

LA SOCIETE HONORAIRE FRANCAIS

Leila Mouneimneh, Holly Moren.

LA SOCIEDAD HONORADA HISPANICA

Michelle Beaudette, Erik Bodurtha, Jessica Briotta, Melissa Crough, Jason Flood, Jason Grimaldi, Erin Hanley, Brian Howes, Nicole Macey, Martha Manning, Diane Marsh, Jennifer McGuire, Kornelia Moysis, Shelley Rose, Mario Santillo, Alicyn Siano, Patricia Zerra.

1999 SCHOLARSHIPS

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION -

ROBERT F. HERSEY, PRESIDENTIAL

David Thomas.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION -

ROBERT F. HERSEY

Christopher Rousseau.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION -

EDWARD CONNOR

Pia Bertone-Gross, Lindsey Hadden, Lindsay Mason, David Strole, Kara Tierney.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION -

GERALD J. MASON MEMORIAL

Barbara Maloni.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION -

NICHOLAS LASKY MEMORIAL

David Federico.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION -

PHYLLIS M. MASON

Melissa Cote.

AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Gregory Jubinville, Patricia Zerra.

AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS

Sarah Latif.

AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Danielle DeForge, Robert Fuller.

AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION -

DAVID THEODOROWICZ MEMORIAL

Mario Santillo.

AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION -

21 WEEK CLUB

Leila Mouneimneh.

AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB

Patricia Zerra.

AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB -

CHAPTER II MEMORIAL

Michael DeFilipi, Theresa Wesley.

RUTH BIRCHALL MEMORIAL - SPONSORED

BY AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB, CHAPTER II

Jason Flood.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS/

LISA M. ZIEGERT BAND SCHOLARSHIP

Charles Denison, Jennifer McGuire, Shelley Rose, Emily Tampone, Laura Tenerowicz.

AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Jessica Dutton.

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PENNY DEFORGE (far left) with the Catholic Women's Club scholarship recipients: Danielle DeForge, Jennifer McGuire, Erin Rescigno, Alison Jackobek, and Chris Trevethan.



THE WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S Agawam High School Band Parents/Lisa M. Ziegert Band Scholarship: Jennifer McGuire, Shelley Rose, Charles Denison, Laura Tenerowicz, and Emily Tampone.



THE 1999 AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION scholarship recipients: Kara Tierney, Jay Flood, Guinevere Gonyea, Aaron Skowyra, Jennifer McGuire, Chris Rousseau, Shelley Rose, and Alan Corbin (Scholarship Director).

Congratulations to AHS's class of 1999!!!



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AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Jessica Dutton, David Gallerani, Nicole Macey, Brian Machos, Lisa Marsh, Brenna McGinn, Thomas Shibley, Aaron Skowyra.

AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB

Heather Hughes, Alison Jackobek.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - GENERAL

Alison Jackobek, Gregory Jubinville, Jennifer Loomis, Mario Santillo.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - FREDERICK T. DACEY

Patricia Zerra.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - HELEN HARDINA NURSING

Heather Hughes.

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

Cassie Andre, Danielle Bourdeau, Jamie Pavelcsyk, Theresa Wesley.

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO - TEACHING

Jillian Abdow.

AGAWAM MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP

Brian Rondeau, Patricia Zerra.

AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION

David Gallerani, Jennifer McGuire, Shelley Rose, Christopher Rousseau, Aaron Skowyra, Kara Tierney.

AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION - CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT MEMORIAL

Guinevere Gonyea.

AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION - RICH PAROLO MEMORIAL

Jason Flood.

AGAWAM UNICO

Michelle Beaudette, Kimberly Bosini, Shaunessy Egan, Mario Santillo, Alicyn Siano, Emily Tampone, Patricia Zerra.

UNICO - BRIAN PICCOLO AWARD

Pia Bertone-Gross.

AGAWAM UNICO EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Martha Manning, Abby Turner.

ALPHA CHAPTER DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SCHOLARSHIP BOOK AWARD (SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN EDUCATORS)

Jillian Abdow.

ANDERSON-MORIN MEMORIAL

Robert Fuller, Brenna McGinn.

BARBARA SKOLNICK SCHOLARSHIP

Kimberly Bosini, Nikita Reshamwala, Thomas Shibley.

BENJAMIN MOORE MEMORIAL SKI SCHOLARSHIP

Michael DeFilipi, Jason Flood.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF AGAWAM

Danielle DeForge, Alison Jackobek, Jennifer McGuire, Erin Rescigno, Christopher Trevethan.

CHRISTOPHER KINSELLA MEMORIAL

Paul LaBarre.

CLIFFORD M. GRANGER PTO

Lindsay Mason, Patrick Renna, Shelley Rose, Theresa Wesley.

CRAIG WARYASZ MEMORIAL

Jason Flood, Alison Jackobek.

DIANA WILLARD HALL MEMORIAL

Holly Moren.

FRANK MAZZA SCHOLARSHIP - SPONSORED BY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Yuri Lukin, Jennifer Niedziela.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA - B.J. PHELPS SCHOOL CLUB

Jillian Abdow, Cassie Andre, Franca Bonavita, Christine Campbell, Jessica Dutton, Shaunessy Egan, Tara Fleming, Sarah Latif, Brenna McGinn, Sarah Nacewicz.

GLADYS CATCHPAUGH MEMORIAL - AMERICAN LEGION AUX. NO. 185

Theresa Wesley.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST NO. 185

Kimberly Bosini.

HARMON SMITH MEMORIAL

Jason Flood.

HERITAGE HALL SOUTH NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

Brian Machos, Roberta Przybyla.

JAMES CLARK SCHOOL PTO

Jessica Dutton, Jennifer Loomis, Jamie Pavelcsyk, David Strole.

JAY CLARK MEMORIAL - AFS AGAWAM CHAPTER

Shelley Rose, Aaron Skowyra.

JILL STEFANIK MEMORIAL

Nicole Macey, Jill Pavelcsyk.

JOHN E. HIGGINS, JR. MEMORIAL

Jessica Dutton.

JOHN M. LAZZAZZERA MEMORIAL - HOCKEY

Andrew Radwanski.

JULIA R. CRAWFORD MEMORIAL

Sarah Latif.

KAREN L. BUFFINGTON - DELPESCHIO MEMORIAL

Brian Machos.

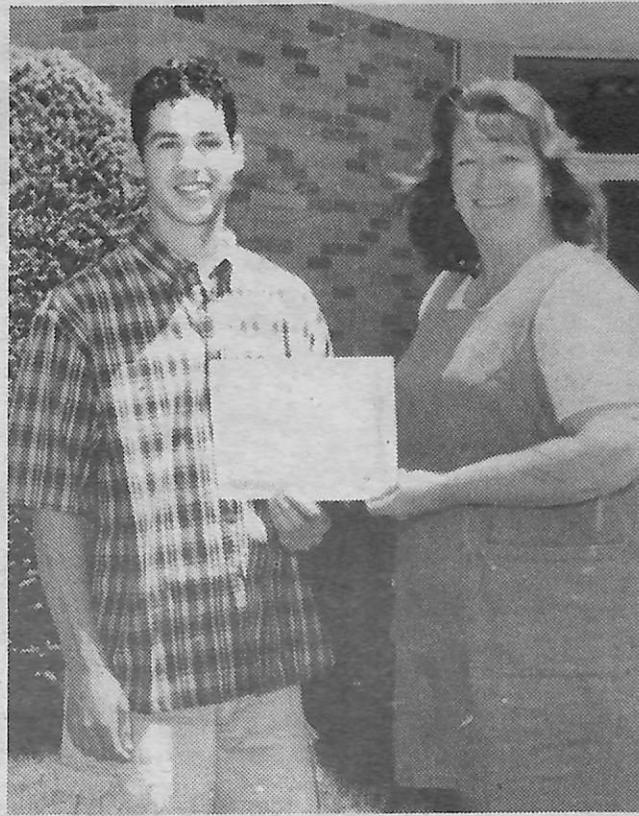
KIWANIS CLUB OF WEST SPRINGFIELD/AGAWAM

Nicole Macey.

LEONARD DESROSIERS MEMORIAL

Anthony Kosinski.

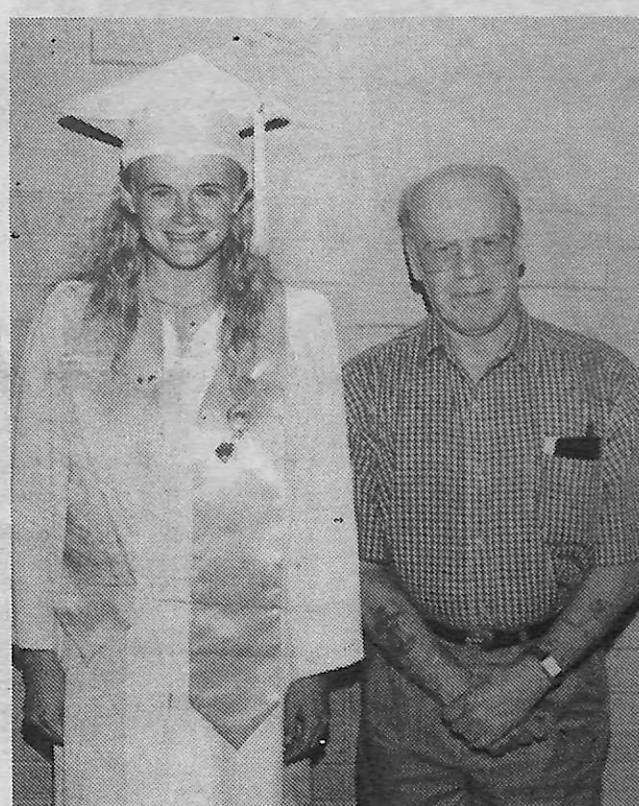
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DAVE FEDERICO receives the AAA's "Nicholas Lasky Memorial Scholarship" from Joanne Taylor.



BARBARA MALONI is presented with the AAA's "Gerald J. Mason Memorial" from Robert Hersey.



ALISON JACKOBEK, the winner of the "Mark Chapman Scholarship Award," with Richard Chapman.



ED CONNOR (far right) presents the AAA's "Edward Connor Scholarship" to David Strole, Lindsey Hadden, and Pia Bertone-Gross. (Missing from photo: Lindsay Mason.)



PATRICIA ZERRA, the 1999 Agawam Garden Club scholarship recipient, is congratulated by Ann Mary Bradford.



KARA TIERNEY receives the AAA's "Edward Connor Scholarship" from Ed Connor.



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LIŠA M. ZIEGERT MEMORIAL FUND

Brenna McGinn, Emily Tampone.

MARJORIE WARD MEMORIAL

Brenna McGinn.

MARK CHAPMAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Alison Jackobek.

MARY L. O'KEEFE MEMORIAL

Melissa Crough, Erin Hanley, Sarah Latif, Emily Tampone.

MINNIE BARDEN MEMORIAL

Nathan Meade, Leila Mouneimneh.

PEER LEADERSHIP

Joni Brodeur, Paul LaBarre, Jennifer Loomis, Martha Manning, Jennifer McGuire, Nathan Meade, Charlie Roberts, Shelley Rose, Thomas Shibley, Sara Stevenson, Emily Tampone, Laura Tenerowicz, Patricia Zerra.

P. JOSEPH CURRAN MEMORIAL

Shaunessy Egan.

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM

Jason Flood, Erin Hanley, Dominik Koleczek, Thomas Shibley.

RAYMOND HUSSON MEMORIAL

Nicole Yvon.

RENAISSANCE

Melissa Danyow, Joseph DeCaro.

RICHARD J. RIEKER SCHOLARSHIP

JFK COUNCIL NO. 5585 -

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Erin Hanley, Mario Santillo.

ROTARY CLUB OF AGAWAM -

RAY MCCARROLL MEMORIAL

Jason Flood, Thomas Shibley.

THOMAS J. DALMOLIN MEMORIAL

HOCKEY/SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP

Jessica Dutton, Gregory Jubinville, Andrew Radwanski, Patricia Zerra.

TIMOTHY J. SUNSTROM MEMORIAL

Timothy Faust, Christopher Rousseau.

TIMOTHY JOHN BENNETT

MEMORIAL - MATH & PHYSICS

Mario Santillo.

WEST SPRINGFIELD - AGAWAM ELKS CLUB

Melissa Danyow, Erin Hanley, Alison Jackobek.

WILLIAM J. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP -

SPONSORED BY B.J. PHELPS PTO

David Federico, Nicole Macey.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM

Jason Grimaldi, Patricia Zerra.

WORONOCO SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP

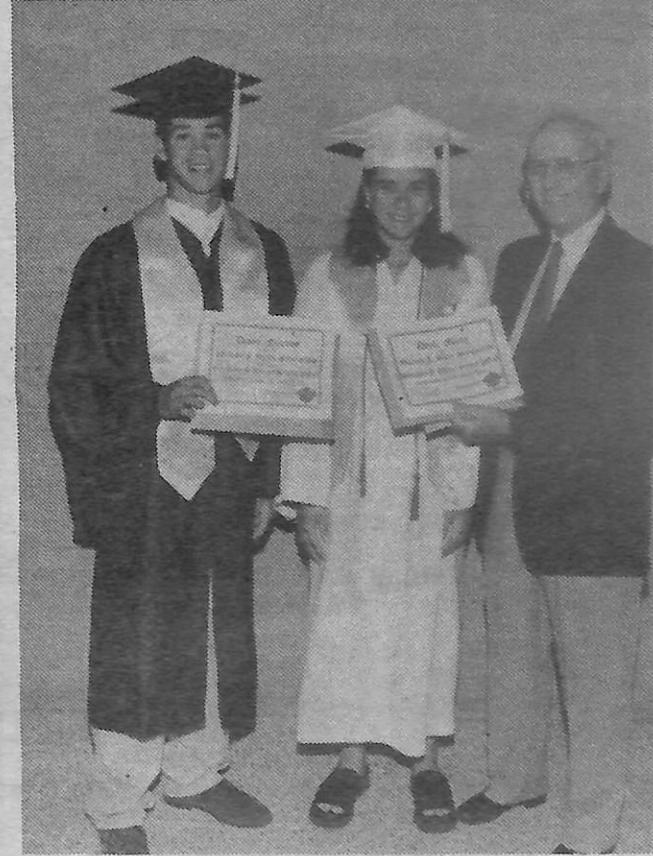
Theresa Wesley.



MICHAEL DEFILIPPI (center), receives the Agawam Golden Age Club (Chapter II) memorial scholarship from Harry Durant, Chapter II Vice-President, and James Birchall, Treasurer.



THERESA WESLEY, Chapter II memorial scholarship winner, with Barbara Kupec (Scholarship Chairperson) and Perry McCobb (Chapter II President).



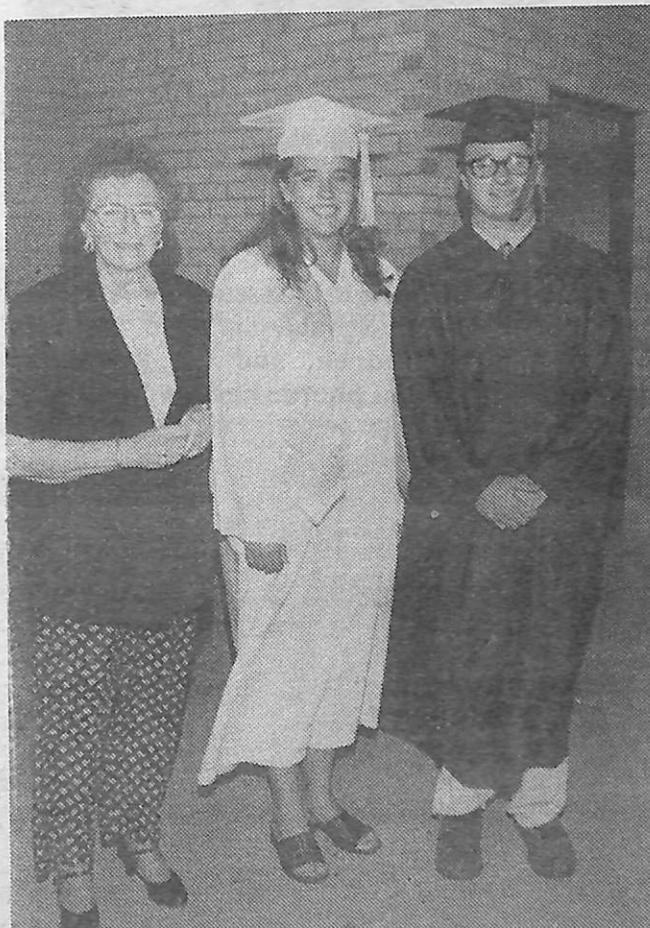
WILLIAM J. MILLER presents the "William J. Miller Scholarship" to David Federico and Nicole Macey.



EILEEN EAGAN (Scholarship Chairperson) with Agawam Lioness scholarship winners Heather Hughes and Alison Jackobek.



ED CONNOR with AAA scholarship recipients Dave Thomas ("Robert F. Hersey, Presidential") and Chris Rousseau ("Robert F. Hersey").



PENNY DEFORGE with "Anderson-Morin Memorial Scholarship" recipients Brenna McGinn and Robert Fuller.

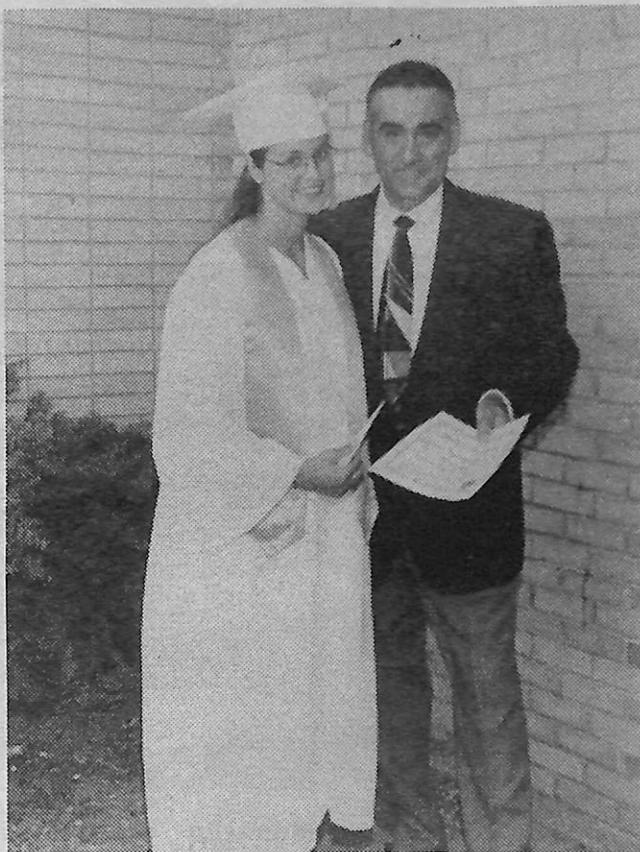
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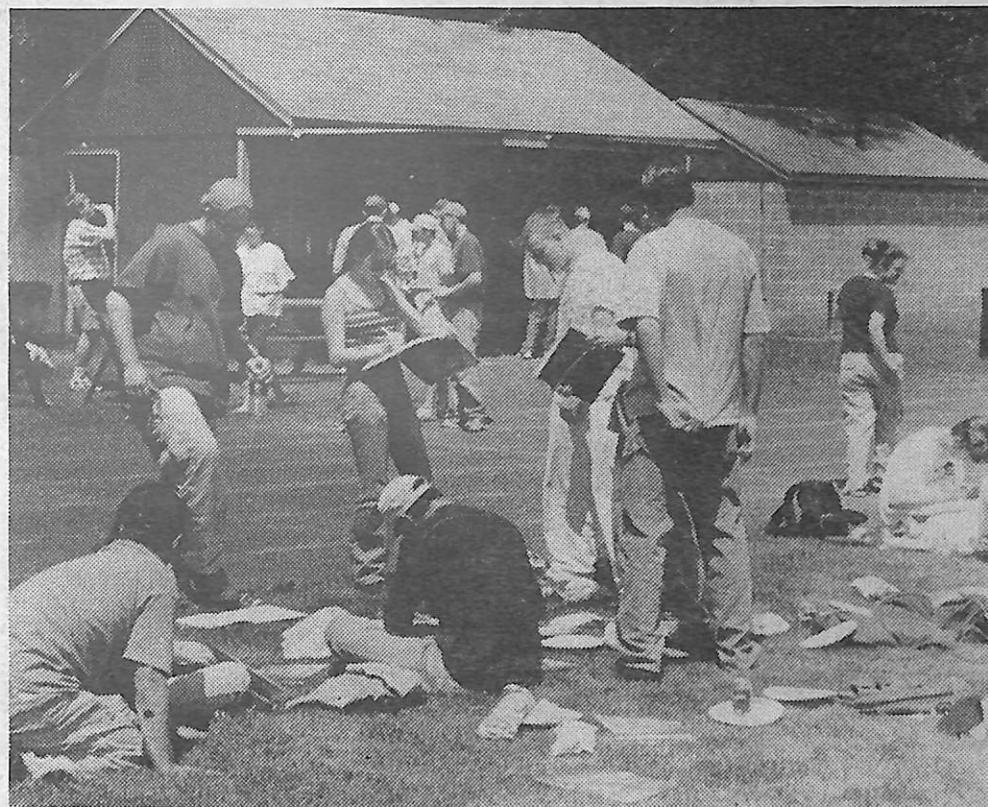
BARBARA SKOLNICK presents the "Barbara Skolnick Scholarship" to Nikita Reshamwala, Kimberly Bosini, and Thomas Shibley.



JESSICA DUTTON receives the Agawam Historical Association scholarship from board member Louis Russo.



AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE scholarship winners Danielle DeForge and Bob Fuller with committee members Louis Russo and Mary Manning.



ON FRIDAY, MAY 28TH, members of the class of 1999 enjoyed a "Senior Day" Picnic on the grounds of Agawam High School. During this festive outdoor occasion, the graduates had the opportunity to sign yearbooks (left photo) and participate in some "friendly" games of volleyball (right photo).



THE TRADITION CONTINUES: A variety of messages from the class of 1999 "decorated" these sheets that were strewn throughout the AHS tennis courts.



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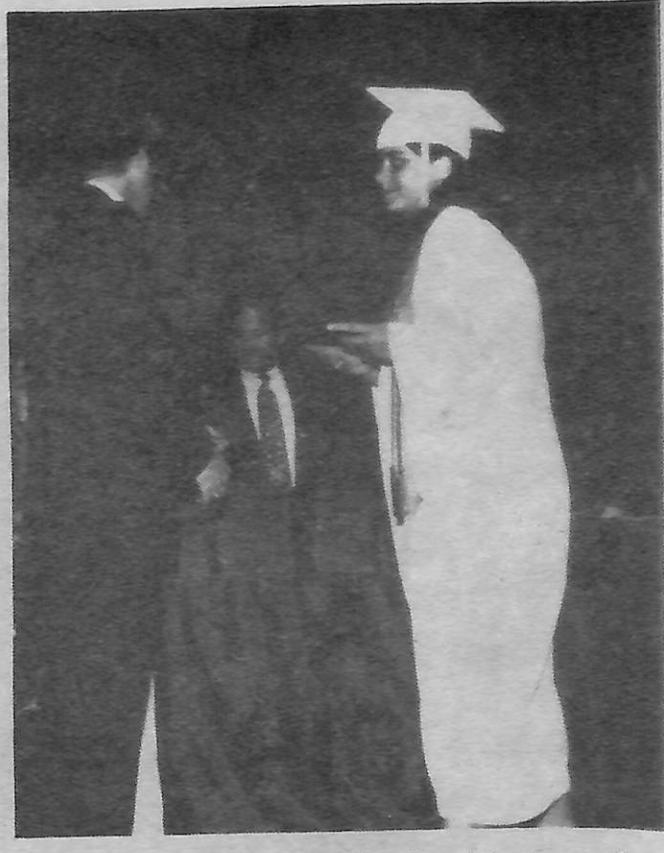
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Agawam Town Councilor Nancy Thompson congratulates Patricia O'Toole.



Mayor Christopher Johnson presents a diploma to David Gallerani.



Nicole Macey, Class Vice-President, receives her diploma from Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Cassie Andre, Class Secretary, is congratulated by Mayor Christopher Johnson.



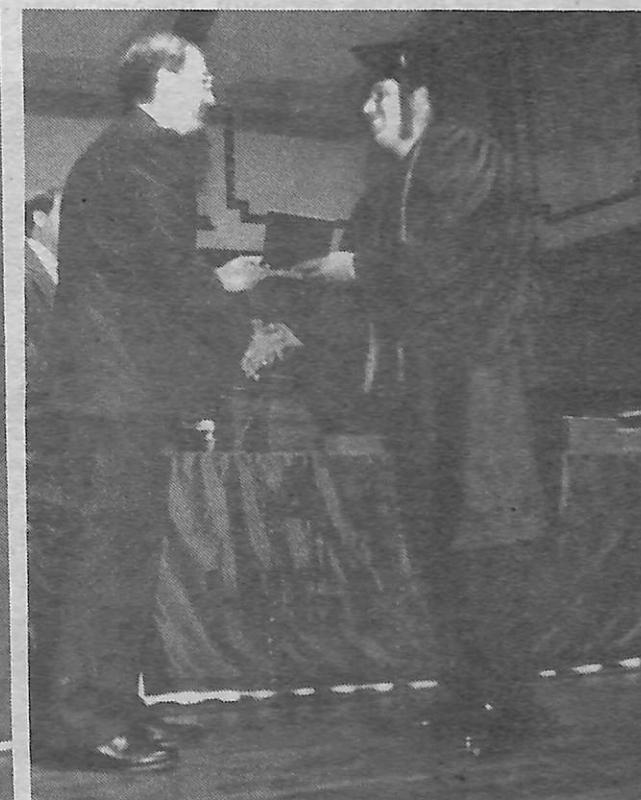
Elizabeth Curry shakes hands with Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Michelle Beaudette, Class Treasurer, with Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Mayor Christopher Johnson congratulates Jennifer Loomis.



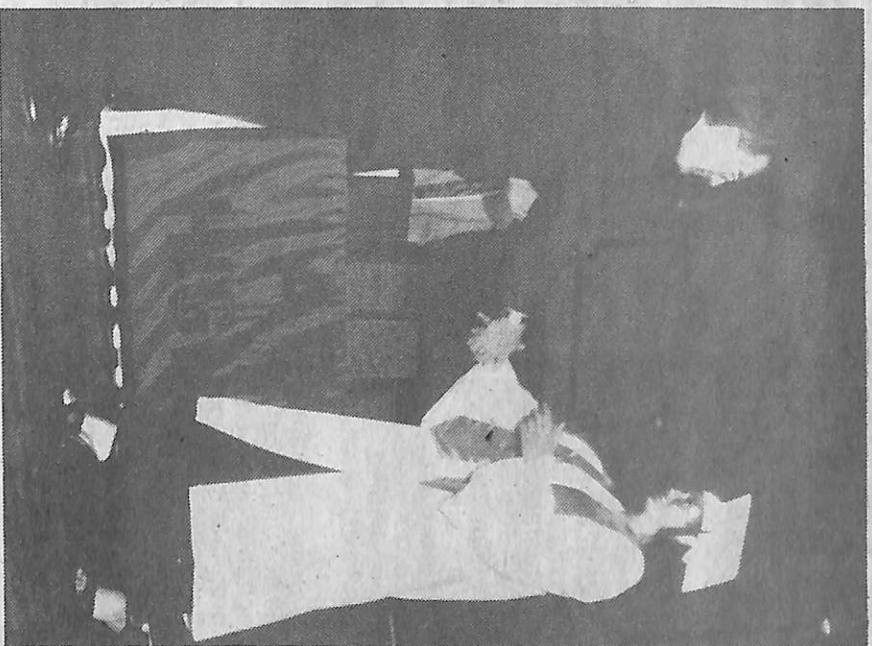
Mayor Christopher Johnson presents Joseph DeCaro with his diploma.



Mayor Christopher Johnson shakes hands with Franca Bonavita.



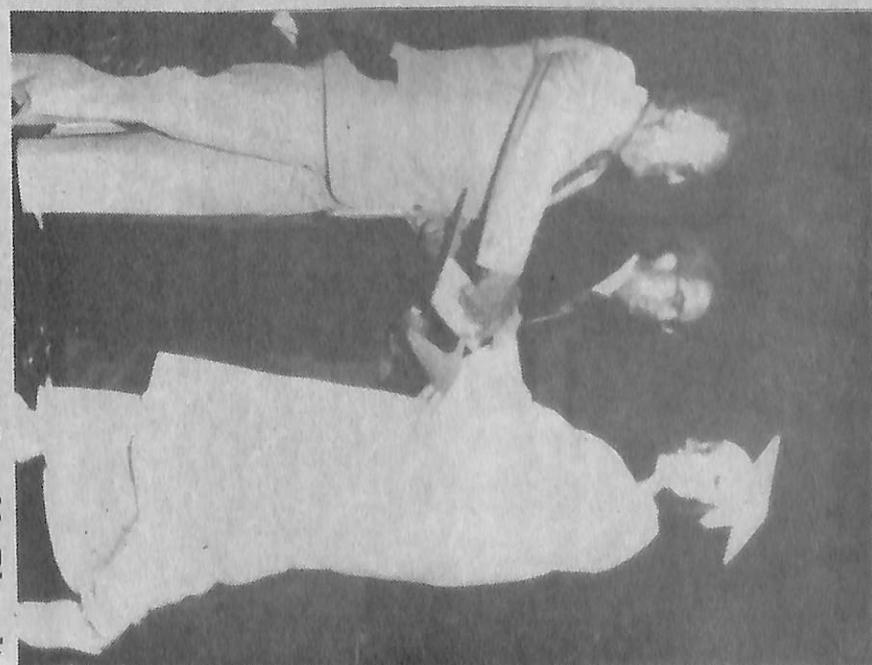
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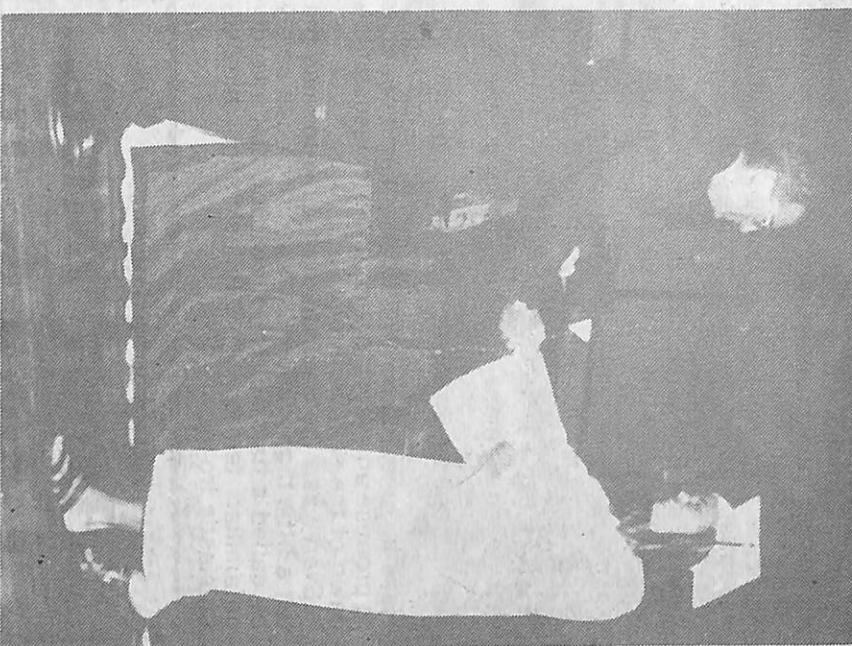
Jessica Dutton approaches Mayor Christopher Johnson for her diploma.



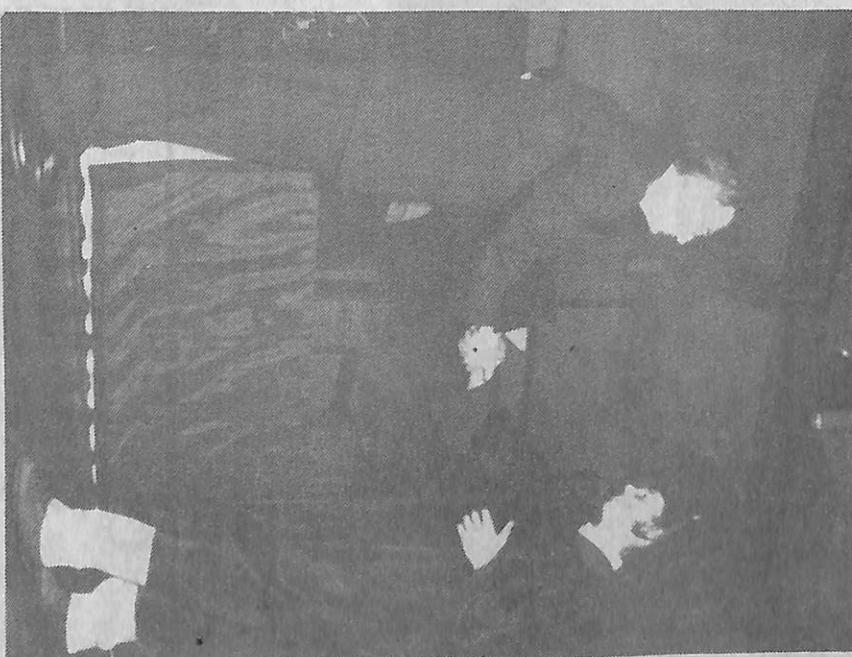
Peter Bitzas receives his diploma from his father, Town Councilor George Bitzas.



Town Council President Donald Rheault, Mayor Christopher Johnson, and Tara Flem- ing.



Christine Campbell is about to receive her diploma from Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Peter Bitzas receives his diploma from his father, Town Councilor George Bitzas.



Danielle DeForge receives her diploma from Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Town Council President Donald Rheault, Mayor Christopher Johnson, and Lindsey Hadden.



Jessica Nolan receives a hug from Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Eric Preston is congratulated by Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Graduation 1999 - continued...

The 1999 Sachem...

“Life On The Edge Of Time” Gives Comprehensive Look At AHS & Beyond

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Like every high school graduating class, the AHS Class of 1999 is poised on the verge of stepping off into the future. With this year's senior class having the added distinction of being perched on the brink of the millennium, the staff at Sachem put their heads together to come up with an apt title for the chronicle of their senior year.

With its theme of earth on the edge of time and space facing the new millennium carried throughout the book, the 1999 Sachem gives the graduates a comprehensive look at *Life on the Edge of Time* at Agawam High School, a glimpse into what is making news around the world over the last year, and a new feature reviewing the highlights of the past century.

Editor-in-chief **Heather Hughes** and her associate editors **Nikita Reshamwala** and **Sarah Nacewicz** had the responsibility of seeing that everyone else did their work on time and accurately, particularly right before a deadline. Proofreading was a big part of their job and “*Do it over!*” frequently rang out over the noise and hubbub of rustling pages and frantic staffers struggling to meet a deadline and still meet the standards set down by the trio of editors.

Heather had the added task of dealing with the hassles when things didn't go exactly as planned, but it seems she, as well as the staff, managed to keep a sense of humor: an inside joke immortalized on the staff page shows a photo of Heather dressed and crowned as a queen who is the target of a swift kick in the pants—make that gown. And then there's the caption, “*Sarah and Niki aren't the only ones who wanted to kick Heather's butt.*”

Finding the ever elusive candy jar was just one of the many responsibilities falling on the shoulders of advisor **David Pulaski**'s secretary, **Patty Zerra**, a.k.a. Mr. P's slave. Patty managed to keep the crazy staff under control while taking attendance, making phone calls, keeping records of each day's activities, and doing whatever odd job Pulaski asked her to deal with.

Headed by editor **Jess Briotta**, the layout staff did a notable job in working as a team. Staffers **Tina Gregory**, **Jay Gagne**, **Erin Rescigno**, and **Lisa Marsh** often joined their editor in spending long days and sometimes nights drawing the layouts for each page in the yearbook. The team is credited with coming up with some brilliant ideas and with blessing the pages with their creativity.

With their imaginations overflowing into graphic descriptions and comic captions, the four wacky literary girls, **Shelley Rose**, **Holly Moren**, **Leila Mouneimneh**, and **Amanda Peters** left their zany mark on every page. Editor **Brenna McGinn** insisted each paragraph had to live up to Sachem standards, proofreading as fast as she could pen her criticisms.

The motto of the photography staff, “*No fear*” shows in the photos termed “*more scintillating and zestful than ever*” by the Sachem staff. Editor **Jen Niedziela** and her staff, **Michelle Beaudette**, **Sarah Latif**, and **Dan Jock** spent the year running around the school like the proverbial chickens without heads in order to capture on film those once-in-a-lifetime moments that fill the yearbook's pages.

Advertising editor **Nicole Macey** along with **Gwen Gonyea**, **Katie Theroux**, and **Kornelia Moysis** canvassed the town soliciting the ads from local businesses that are essential to Sachem's financial success. Some days, the staffers would feel as though all the running around

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Birthday ads in The AAN cost just \$30, so why not bring yours in today and “surprise” that special friend or family member...

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looking for business owners was in vain. But, then there'd be the day they walked into a shop and found the one or two neighboring business owners conveniently collected there as prime prospects for a sales pitch. Better still was when they all purchased an ad.

Business staffers **Shaunessy Egan** and **Jennifer McGuire** came to school early and left late for a full month to make sure that everyone had the chance to order their books and that each customer received a receipt.

Stellar athletes **Dan Balbony** and **Melissa Cote** were the dynamic duo making up the sports staff. The two spent endless hours sifting through photos and statistics to give the school's athletes the recognition they had earned representing the school in athletic competition.

Combining overtime and teamwork, the Sachem staff overcame the inevitable squabbles and oversights to produce what they consider “the best yearbook ever.”

“This is by far the largest yearbook we've ever had at AHS,” said Pulaski. “We have between 70 percent and 80 percent of our pages in full color and Matt Fenn, the publisher's representative, told us it is the largest yearbook on the east coast for a high school of our size.”

Always looking for ways to keep the cost of the book as low as possible for the students, Pulaski is able to get a good financial deal from the publishers because the Sachem staff consistently meets their deadlines and turns in the highest caliber of work. And Pulaski is known to shop around in order to get the best bargain.

But, this year, the veteran of nearly 30 years as Sachem's advisor threw caution to the wind to give the last book of the century thermal end sheets that change from a deep purple to shades of pink at the touch of a hand or a ray of sunshine. And he still managed to keep the cost about half the average cost of a high school yearbook.

Making It A Real Standout

“We're always looking for new things and we wanted to make the '99 book a standout, so we disregarded the cost of the thermal end sheets,” Pulaski explained. “The kids loved it, especially the way the pages turn a mix of beautiful shades when exposed to sunlight.”

Despite the addition of the thermal end sheets and a four-page, full-color section reviewing the millennium in lifestyles, sports, entertainment, personal freedom, science and travel, the Sachem staff was still able to offer the book to students for \$23.

Congratulations, Taryn & Erik!



From your christening to your graduation, you have given us so many reasons to be proud. Life with you has been a wonderful adventure filled with laughter and love. May all the best in life be yours always.



Love,
Your Moms & Dads, Lindsey & Jenna

With a page dedicated to every club, sport, or activity at the school, the book has thousands of photographs and includes a number of features rarely seen in high school yearbooks, including the eight-page color World Beat 98-99 wrapping up the highlights of the year in news and entertainment and the senior captions section to remind the grads of what thoughts they wanted to leave behind for posterity—if they can just remember what all the abbreviations and initials mean.

Some communities have stopped including senior captions in their yearbooks after some schools discovered the embarrassment of inappropriate messages or slurs hidden amid the captions. But the Sachem staff makes it clear to their classmates that each caption receives close scrutiny by the literary staffers and the feature remains one of Sachem's most treasured traditions among the students (it's their chance to send personal messages to their families, their friends, and sometimes to their teachers).

The Sachem cover, featuring a fox fur grain texture over a lithograph print, was custom designed by the staff and drew rave reviews at the Western New England Spring Yearbook Workshop held at Western New England College earlier this month.

Junior **Kaila Larivee**, next year's executive assistant to the advisor, attended the seminar along with Pulaski and other members of the 2000 Sachem staff. The conference drew dozens of students from across the Northeast in what is essentially spring training for the yearbook staffers, as well as an opportunity to see what other schools are doing and pick up some new ideas.

“Agawam was the hit of the conference,” Kaila said. “Everyone went nuts over this book. They loved the end sheets and I could overhear students from other schools showing the different features in our book to each other.”

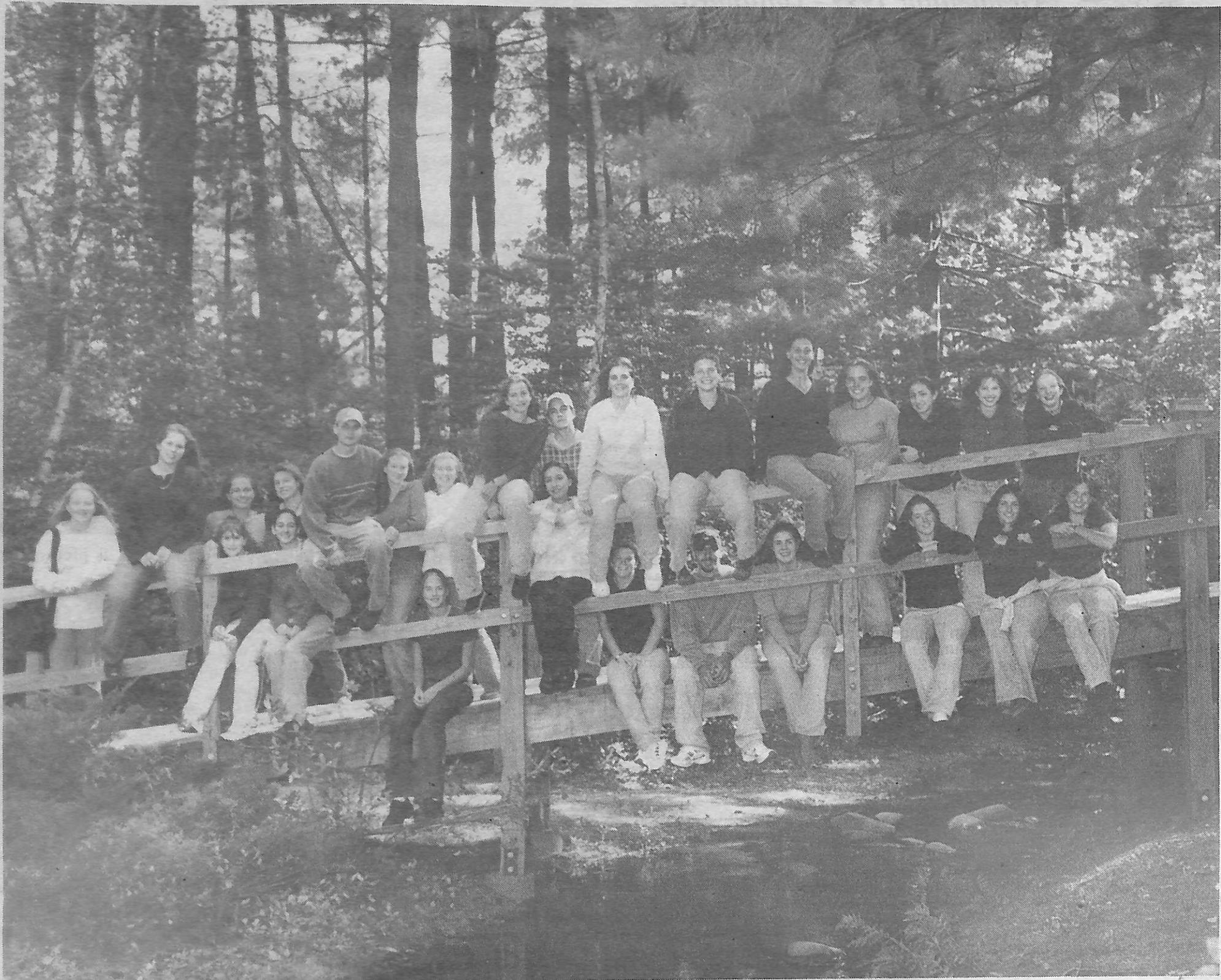
Next year's Sachem staff, culled from more than twice as many applications as positions to fill, is already working on the millennium issue. Tight-lipped as always about the theme and plans for the book until it is received by the graduating class in June, Pulaski will say nothing more than to promise an every bigger and better issue at the dawn of the next century.

Every year, the Sachem staff aims to raise the bar a little higher and this year's book can safely be called a hard act to follow. But, that's hardly unfamiliar territory for Pulaski and his enthusiastic troops.

Happy 18th & Graduation, Too!



Love,
“MaJiM”



1999 AHS YEARBOOK STAFF

We, the Agawam High School 1999 yearbook staff, would like to thank the following civic-minded businesses for purchasing advertising space in our '99 SACHEM. We greatly appreciate your support and acceptance. A heartfelt thanks and best wishes for a prosperous summer...

*Sincerely,
Heather Hughes - Editor in Chief
David Pulaski - Advisor*

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Three AHS Graduates Receive 1999 Walter S. Barr Scholarships

The Horace Smith Fund, founded in 1899 by the estate of Smith & Wesson co-founder Horace Smith, recently held its 100th year anniversary celebration on the campus of Western New England College.

In commemoration of the centennial, the Smith Fund — through its Walter S. Barr Scholarship — granted an unprecedented 50 renewable college scholarships of \$2,000 each (totaling \$100,000 in aid) to graduating high school seniors from throughout Hampden County.

Among the 1999 recipients are three recent graduates from Agawam High School: **Jason E. Flood, Jennifer L. McGuire, and Mario A. Santillo**.

Provided a student maintains at least a B average in college, the scholarship totals \$8,000 over four years to each Smith Fund recipient.

Students are selected on a variety of criteria, including their SAT scores, class rank, extracurricular activities, and a written personal account which outlines why a student feels he or she is deserving of the financial assistance.

Recipients are selected by a five-member committee comprised of individuals with experience in the field of education.

All high school graduates from Hampden County are eligible to apply to the fund, which offers Smith Fund loans, Walter S. Barr Scholarships,



WILLIAM ROONEY (far left), Executive Secretary of the Horace Smith Fund, is pictured with the 1999 recipients of the Walter S. Barr Scholarship.

and Walter S. Barr Fellowships.

Walter S. Barr was a successful West Springfield businessman in the early 1900's. Upon his

death, his wife channeled money from his estate into the Smith Fund to assist those furthering their education.

At Volunteer Breakfast



REBECCA BARGER, BRIAN MACHOS, and ROBERTA PRZYBYLA received scholarships during Heritage Hall's recently held volunteer breakfast.

Mario Santillo Of Agawam High Honored By The Civitan Club Of Springfield

Each year on the third Wednesday of May, the Civitan Club of Springfield celebrates Good Citizenship Day, whereby outstanding senior students who have exemplified good citizenship are selected from area high schools and honored in a program attended by school administrators, Civitans, and guests.

This year, on May 19th at Lido's Restaurant in Springfield, Mario Santillo of Agawam High School was among the students honored.

These students are selected by their respective principals, and their selection is based upon the following criteria:

1. Faithful application to schoolwork and at

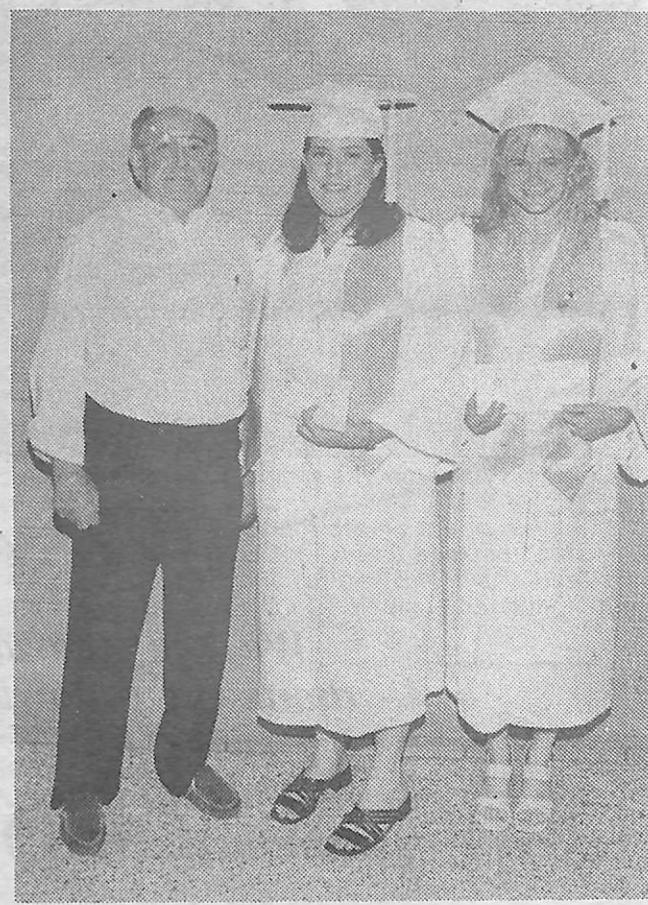
least average grades in all subjects.

2. Participation in extracurricular activities.
3. High degree of cooperation in the entire school program.
4. High standard of moral integrity.

Civitan is an all-volunteer, international service organization for individuals who want to be involved in community service projects. Civitan's purpose is to provide opportunities for personal and professional development while encouraging services to the worldwide community.

Operating in North America, Europe, and Asia, Civitans have traditionally helped people with developmental disabilities.

The staff of The AAN offers best wishes to all of the 1999 graduates...



JOHN E. LAFLEUR of the West Springfield-Agawam Elks with this year's Elks memorial scholarship recipients: **Erin Hanley and Alison Jackobek**.

Erin Hanley And Alison Jackobek Earn Elks Scholarships

The West Springfield-Agawam Elks (No. 2174) has awarded 1999 memorial scholarships to the following graduates of Agawam High School: **Erin Hanley and Alison C. Jackobek**.

The daughter of Joseph and Susan Hanley of 55 Halladay Drive, Feeding Hills, Hanley was a member of AHS's National and Spanish Honor Societies, as well as the Future Teachers' Club. She is also active in local youth, church, and volunteer programs. Hanley will attend Westfield State College to major in Elementary Education.

The daughter of Carl J. and Ann E. Jackobek of 61 Meadowbrook Road, Agawam, Jackobek was a member of AHS's National Honor Society, Math Club, Shakespeare Society, S.A.V.E., the school band, and theatre. She was also a member of the soccer and softball teams. Jackobek will attend Saint Anselm's College in New Hampshire to major in Criminal Justice.



Graduation 1999 - continued...

Agawam UNICO Honors Recipients At Awards Banquet

On June 9th at Ferruccio's Banquet House on Main Street, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National held its 1999 Awards Banquet.

The following graduates of Agawam High School were honored:

Agawam UNICO Scholarship Recipients

Michelle L. Beaudette of 60 Yale Street, Feeding Hills; Kimberly Bosini of 31 Tanglewood Lane, Feeding Hills; Shaunessey Egan of 39 Stony Hill Road, Feeding Hills; Mario Santillo of 22 Coronet Circle, Feeding Hills; Alicyn Siano of 21 Danny Lane, Agawam; Emily Tampone of 76 Fordham Avenue, Feeding Hills; and Patricia Zerra of 77 White Fox Road, Feeding Hills.

Brian Piccolo Award Recipient

Pia Bertone-Gross of 22 Leonard Street, Agawam.

Agawam UNICO Educational Grant Recipients

Martha Manning of 21 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills, and Abby Turner of 128 Karen Lynn Circle Feeding Hills.



PIA BERTONE-GROSS, the "Brian Piccolo Award" recipient, with Sal Morassi, Jr. of Agawam UNICO.



AGAWAM UNICO EDUCATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS Martha Manning and Abby Turner with Dennis Marchetto of Agawam UNICO.



THE 1999 AGAWAM UNICO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: Michelle L. Beaudette, Kimberly Bosini, Shaunessey Egan, Mario Santillo, Alicyn Siano, Emily Tampone, and Patricia Zerra.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM CHAPTER OF UNICO during the 1999 Awards Banquet at Ferruccio's on June 9th: Arthur Chase, Richard Morassi, Tom Martinelli, Ron Lalancette, Sal Morassi, Jr., and Dennis Marchetto.

Locals Inducted Into Torch Society At Suffield Academy

Last month, Suffield Academy held the annual induction ceremony in Tisch Auditorium to welcome new members of the Torch Society.

Each spring, the current members of this honorary society elect as new members those students who in some way have made a special contribution to the spirit, life, or sense of community of the school.

One of the oldest forms of recognition at Suffield, the Torch Society is the primary means by which students recognize each other's contributions.

The following local students were inducted into Suffield Academy's Torch Society:

From Agawam: Mark Sotichek, a senior.

From Feeding Hills: Conor Martin, a senior.

Founded in 1833, Suffield Academy is an independent, coeducational college preparatory school in Suffield, Connecticut.

Shawn Battles Graduates From Mill Pond School

Shawn Battles, 18, of Agawam graduated from The Children's Study Home's Mill Pond School on Tuesday, June 15th. The evening graduation ceremony took place at the Mill Pond School's Gymnasium, 91 Old Acre Road, Springfield.

Battles received his diploma from the Agawam Public School system.

According to Director of Education Al Zippin, Battles is deciding between STCC and entering the service.

The Mill Pond School is operated by The Children's Study Home. The special education school serves adolescents with emotional and behavioral challenges.

Programs are funded with tuition from local school systems, the Department of Education, and support from the community.

All the hometown news with us ... AAN!!!



Graduation 1999 - continued...

Amber Hoffman Graduates From The MacDuffie School

On Sunday, June 6th, at Trinity Church on Sumner Avenue, Springfield, Amber Hoffman of the Agawam/Feeding Hills area was one of 29 students who received their diplomas during The MacDuffie School's 109th Commencement exercises. The ceremony also included the awarding of prizes for academic excellence to members of the senior class.

Hoffman will be attending Colby-Sawyer College in the fall.

MacDuffie's June 6th graduation culminated several days of ceremonies recognizing student achievements, including a sports award ceremony honoring student-athletes; a service and leadership awards ceremony celebrating extracurricular involvement, leadership, and service; and the Academic Convocation, which featured the awarding of prizes for academic excellence and the induction of junior and seniors into Cum Laude (a society modeled on Phi Beta Kappa to recognize scholarship in secondary schools).

The MacDuffie School, established in 1890 and located on Ames Hill Drive in Springfield, is an independent, co-educational day school focusing on college-preparatory education for students in grades six through 12.

Local Students Receive Diplomas From Suf. Academy

The following local students received diplomas at Suffield Academy's 166th Commencement exercises held last month.

From Agawam: Jeffrey Ryan Beaudette, Sarah Bechtel Cowan, and Mark Paul Sotichek II.

From Feeding Hills: Conor Robert Martin.

In Memoriam: Christopher James Knight of Feeding Hills.

Area Students Earn Special Awards At Suffield Academy

The following area students were honored with special awards at Suffield Academy's 166th Commencement exercises held last month:

Jeffrey Beaudette, son of Daniel and Patricia Beaudette of Agawam.

Class of 1874 Mathematics Prize — given to an outstanding mathematician in the graduating class.

Ralph F. Hansen Economics Prize — for excellence as a student of economics.

George A. Butler Cup for Athletics and Sportmanship — awarded to the most deserving athletes in the senior class for distinction through commitment, excellence on the field, leadership, and (above all) sportmanship.

William Bradford Bates Scholarship and Activities Prize — for all-around achievement in academics and extracurricular activities, as well as citizenship at Suffield.

Cum Laude Society — the secondary school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, given to those students who have demonstrated their devotion to scholarship and attained the highest achievement in the most demanding courses.

Sarah Cowan, daughter of Leonard and Hallie Cowan of Agawam.

Collins Religion Prize — for the demonstration of maturity and sophistication in the study of religion and philosophy.

Emmett Kent English Prize — for excellence in English composition.

Emmett Kent Public Speaking Prize — for excellence in the Kent-Davis Speaking Competition.

Hirschmann Humanitarian Award — for exceptional contribution to community life, whether on Suffield's campus or in the surrounding community.

Cum Laude Society — the secondary school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, given to those students who have demonstrated their devotion to scholarship and attained the highest achievement in the most demanding courses.

Conor Martin, son of Stephen and Regina Martin of Feeding Hills.

Allan H. Fuller Prize in Theater Arts — for making a profound contribution to the performing arts.



JENNIFER STRNISTE



NATASHA GERASIMCHUK

Two Agawam Schoolteachers Receive Master's Degrees From Elms College

Ms. Jennifer Strniste and Mrs. Natasha Gerasimchuk each received Masters of Arts in Teaching degrees from Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee on Sunday, May 23rd.

Ms. Strniste, the ESL teacher at Granger Elementary School, Clark Elementary School, and the Agawam Middle School, earned a Master's Degree in ESL (English as a Second Language).

Nicole M. Brittain Graduates From Roger Williams Univ.

Among the more than 600 candidates for undergraduate degrees in Commencement ceremonies held at Roger Williams University last month were several students from Massachusetts.

One of these Massachusetts residents was Nicole M. Brittain of Feeding Hills, who received a Bachelor of Science from the university's Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences.

Roger Williams University is an independent, coeducational university of liberal arts and selected professional programs accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Located on 130 acres on Mt. Hope Bay in Bristol, Rhode Island, the university enrolls more than 2,100 full-time and 1,700 part-time undergraduates on the Bristol and Providence campuses. An additional 500 are enrolled in the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law, fully accredited by the American Bar Association, and the only law school in Rhode Island.

Nearly 30 states and 45 nations are represented in the total student body.

Jennifer A. Robinson Earns Law Degree At Univ. Of Tennessee

Jennifer A. Robinson, a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, has earned a law degree from the University of Tennessee. She was presented her degree at the Hooding Ceremony on May 13th in Knoxville.

While at Tennessee, Jennifer's honors and activities included Dean's List, Law and Medicine Society, Phi Delta Phi, Student Bar Association, American Bar Association/Law Student Division, and president of Law Women. She was also a member of the Tennessee Law Review and editor of student materials her third year.

Robinson was awarded The National Association of Women's Lawyers Award and the Certificate of Academic Excellence in Law & Medicine.

She has taken a position with a Knoxville law firm. Her fiance, Arthur Jenkins, also received his law degree, as well as his MBA degree, at the May 13th ceremony.

Robinson is the daughter of Cynthia (Locke) Robinson of Agawam.

Mrs. Gerasimchuk, the Russian/Ukrainian bilingual education teacher in the Agawam Schools, received a Master's Degree in Elementary Education.

Congratulations from all of your students, your teaching colleagues, and the administrators here in the Agawam School System!

Feeding Hills Residents Honored At WNEC's Recognition Ceremony

The following Feeding Hills residents were honored during the 1999 Student Recognition Ceremony held last month at Western New England College.

Mark W. Brittain, son of Paul Brittain of South Hadley and Marsha Brittain of Feeding Hills, received an Honor Graduate in Criminal Justice Award. While at WNEC, he was named to the Dean's List, was a Student Ambassador, and recorded a perfect 4.0 in his major. During the College's 1999 commencement on May 22nd, he was granted his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree in marketing.

Kathleen Hudzikiewicz, daughter of Daniel and Nancy Hudzikiewicz of Feeding Hills, received a Kathleen M. Connell Scholarship, which is given to School of Law students with preference to those who graduated from high schools in Hampden County. Ms. Connell was the first assistant registrar of Hampden County Probate Court for 32 years.

Brandon T. Robb, son of Jeffrey and Sandra Robb of Feeding Hills, received an Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Award. Robb, who will complete his requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree in December, is the president of the student chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers at the College and has been named to the Dean's List.

Western New England College, founded in 1919, is a private, comprehensive, coeducational institution located on an attractive, 185-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The College serves 4,800 students on its Springfield main campus, and at 20 sites throughout the Commonwealth. Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the College's Schools of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.

Jamie Milici Earns Biology Degree From Salem State

Jamie Milici recently received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Salem State College.

Milici is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School, and currently lives and works in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Congratulations

Agawam High School Class Of 1999

Jillian Elizabeth Abdow
Bryan Christopher Adams
Heather F. Adams
Thomas Allen Adams
Matthew Steven Albano
Mario Alfano
Cassie Lee Andre
Ellamarie Lisa Atkins
Daniel Thomas Balbony
Diane Marie Balicki
Michael A. Basile
Noelle Marie Baskin
Juliana Santos Batista
Michelle Lee Beaudette
Nicholas Matthew Bellefleur
Christopher G. Bellerose
Pia Anna Bertone-Gross
Peter Joseph Bitzas
J. Adam Blair
Erik Michael Bodurtha
Debra Anne Boissonneault
Franca Mary Bonavita
Kimberly Ann Bosini
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Trina Ann Bowler
Rebecca Ann Brames
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Andrew Emilio Charko
Brooke Ilene Chichakly
Kristin Marie Chmielewski
Heather Lyn Cincotta
Jamie Ryan Cincotta
Andrea Lynn Cizek
Benjamin Thomas Colcord
Brian Conlon
Glenn Austin Corlett
Kelly Marie Cortis
Melissa Irene Cote
Robert Joseph Creanza
Melissa Ann Crough
Jessica Lynn Curley
Elizabeth Ann Curry
Melissa Anne Danyow
Joseph Luigi DeCaro
Michael Thomas DeFilipi
Danielle Marie DeForge
Henry John Ilmar Dekastrozza, Jr.
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Donald Demers
Charles Frederick Denison IV
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Michelle Jeanne Deyo
Catherine Eva Dickinson
Ann Marie Lynne DiMauro

Eva Maria Sophie Donnerhack
Bridget Lee Donovan
Tammie Germaine Drewnowski
Ryan Thomas Drobot
Carolyn Duquette
Charlene Duquette
Jessica Marie Dutton
James Charles Dziedzina
Shaunessy Mary Egan
Timothy Joseph Faust
David Paul Federico
Colleen Marie Fenton
Kathleen Rose Ferguson
Mario Frank Ferrentino
Jason Robert Fiore
Joseph Edward Fiore
Tara Leigh Fleming
Jason E. Flood
Jill Marie Fogg
Carlos Fuertes
Robert Theodore Fuller
David Michael Fusick
Jason G. Gagne
Brian Michael Gallagher
David Robert Gallerani
Ryan Paul Gamache
Jennifer Gates
Jessica Marie Gebo-Bardsley
William Henry Gensheimer
Ryan Daniel Gilbert
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Good Luck In The Future!



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Graduation 1999 - continued...



MICHELLE HEBERT

Michelle Hebert Attains Dean's List At Assumption College

Michelle Hebert, daughter of Ron and Gail Hebert of Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Assumption College for the 1999 spring semester. She attained a 4.0 GPA.

Hebert graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Re-Hab and Elementary Education. She has accepted a teaching position at Stanwich Elementary School in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Hebert will be pursuing her Master's degree in Special Ed in the fall at Manhattanville College in New York.

Cory Lavalette Graduates Cum Laude From Utica College

On May 16th, Cory Lavalette graduated from Utica College of Syracuse University with a B.A. degree in Journalism.

While a student at Utica College, Lavalette was a staff writer for the college newspaper, "THE TANGERINE," as a freshman; Sports Editor as a sophomore; and Editor in Chief as a junior and senior.

He also received many academic awards, including Outstanding Student in the P/R Journalism Department as a freshman, junior, and senior; The Tangerine Award as a sophomore; *Who's Who Among American College Students* as a junior and senior; and the Raymond Simon Award for excellence in P/R Journalism.

Lavalette will now begin his career as a journalist while working for the "Trenton Times" in Trenton, New Jersey.

He is the son of Richard and Charlotte Lavalette of High Street, Agawam.

Stephanie Mason Earns Master's At Univ. Of Hartford

Stephanie Mason, a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Connecticut, has earned her master's degree in neuro-science at the University of Hartford. She was presented her degree at a ceremony on May 16th.

Mason has taken a research associate position at the Buoniconti Research Center at Miami Medical School in Miami, Florida.

She is the daughter of Kim and David Mason of Feeding Hills.

Cristina M. Ianello Awarded Bachelor's Degree From WNEC

Cristina M. Ianello of Agawam recently graduated Cum Laude from Western New England College, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and majoring in Law and Conflict Management.

Her accomplishments during her undergraduate years included Dean's List; induction into the freshman honor society, Alpha Lambda Delta (in which she held the office of Vice President); and induction into the business honor society, Delta Mu Delta. She was a two-time nominee for *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*, and a finalist for the Skookum Award (an award given by the college for excellence).

Ianello's involvement included Vice President and President of the Management Association; Secretary of Alpha Kappa Psi, a co-ed business fraternity; and a member of the Marketing Association. In addition, she chaired the Red Cross Blood Drive; coordinated the mayor of Springfield's address to the college; organized numerous fundraisers; and was a volunteer consultant for Junior Achievement. She also participated in the pilot test for Massachusetts Teacher Certification held at the University of Massachusetts.

Furthermore, Ianello was a Freshman Seminar Assistant during the first semester of her senior year. This position consisted of assisting the professor with a freshman course that concentrated on the skills needed to adjust to and succeed in college.

In the fall, Ianello will be attending Western New England College School of Law. She has received two scholarships: Western New England College School of Law awarded the Katherine M. Connell Scholarship, and the Pascal A. Deliso Scholarship was awarded by the Italian-American Society.

This summer, Ianello is interning for an assistant district attorney in the Chicopee District Court.

John Manning Earns Degree And Honors At Hamilton College

John Manning, the son of John and Helen Manning of Feeding Hills and a graduate of Agawam High School, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hamilton College during commencement exercises last month. Hamilton awarded 439 diplomas in the ceremony, which marked the conclusion of the college's 187th academic year.

A government major at Hamilton, Manning graduated *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, which established the Epsilon Chapter at Hamilton in 1870 and is the oldest and most prestigious honor society in the country. Students are elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of their exceptional academic achievement in fulfilling the goals and purposes of the college.

In addition, Manning was recently named the second-place winner of the Dean Alfange Essay Prize at Hamilton's annual Class and Charter Day. These prizes, established by Dean Alfange (Class of 1922), are awarded to the students who write the best and second-best essays on a feature or an issue of American constitutional government.

Hamilton College is a highly selective residential college offering its 1,650 students a rigorous liberal arts curriculum. Students are challenged to think, write and speak critically, creatively, and analytically, so that upon graduation they may distinguish themselves in both their professions and their communities.

Robin M. Henderson Receives Master's Degree From SCSU

Robin Marie Henderson of 39 Merrell Drive, Agawam, was the recent recipient of her Master's degree in Library Science. She attended and received her MLS from Southern Connecticut State University, graduating with a G.P.A. of 3.91.

Henderson is a graduate of Westfield State College and Agawam High School.

She is the daughter of Diana Henderson of Agawam and the late Charles Henderson.



JEFFREY BEAUDETTE

Jeffrey Beaudette Graduates From Suffield Academy

Jeffrey Beaudette, son of Daniel and Patricia Beaudette of Agawam, recently graduated from Suffield Academy in Suffield, Connecticut.

While at Suffield, he was the Student Council president, Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, a Tour Guide Leader, a member of the Disciplinary Committee and honorary Torch Society.

He was also a Peer Tutor in mathematics and Latin, as well as a teaching assistant. He was also a member of the varsity football, basketball, and track teams.

At graduation ceremonies, he received the Class of 1874 Mathematics Prize, the Ralph E. Hansen Economics Prize, the William Bradford Bates Scholarship and Activities Prize, and the George A. Butler Cup for Athletics and Sportsmanship.

He is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Leo Beaudette of West Springfield, Mr. Carmelo DeCosmo of Agawam, and the late Kay DeCosmo.

Locals Receive Their Degrees From Bay Path College

The following area residents were among the 136 women who were granted bachelor's or associate's degrees during Bay Path College's Commencement Exercises held last month:

Aurelia Andreoli of Feeding Hills, Associate in Arts Degree.

Jennifer Plyler, daughter of Shirley Plyler of Alhambra Circle, Agawam, Bachelor of Science Degree. She attained dean's list standing and was a member of the college's Maroon Key Society.

Lisa Reveruzzi, daughter of James and Patricia Reveruzzi of Spencer Street, Agawam, Associate in Science Degree. She was awarded the Service Award for leadership in campus organizations, and plans to continue at Bay Path for her bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in travel and hospitality.

Founded in 1897, Bay Path is a private women's college with a diverse student body from throughout the United States and around the globe. Offering distinctive degree programs that prepare women for professional roles in a contemporary society, Bay Path focuses on the development of leadership, communication, and technological skills.

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**Congratulations to all the 1999
graduates...**

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Graduation 1999 - continued...

AIC Honors Agawam Natives At Academic Awards & Class Night

American International College recently held its annual Academic Awards and Class Night Program, honoring outstanding students in academic disciplines. Among those honored were three Agawam natives:

Jennika Peeler received a Department of Biology award for outstanding achievement. Peeler is a junior majoring in biology/pre-med.

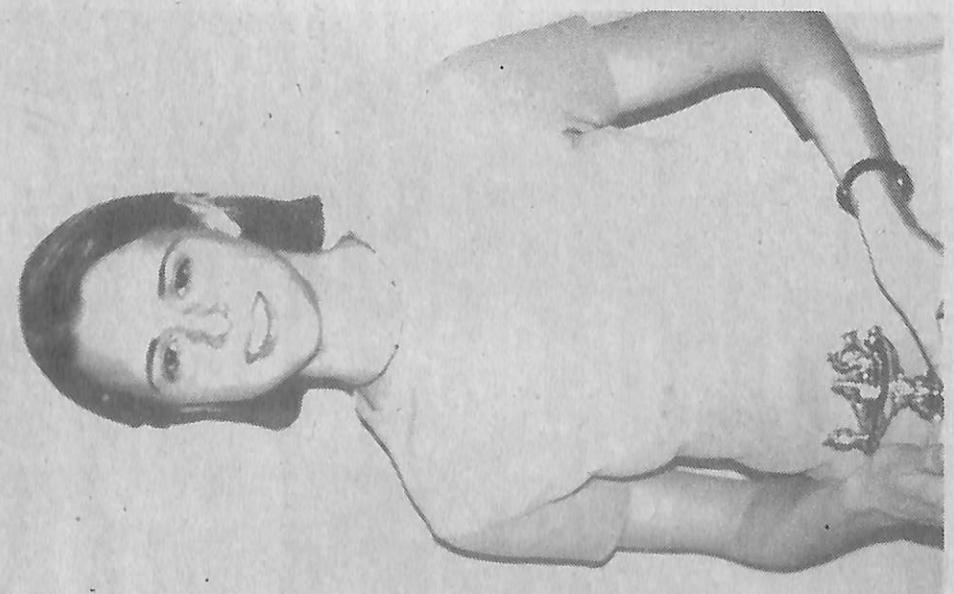
Daniel Vargas received a Department of Criminal Justice award for outstanding performance and overall participation in the field of Criminal Justice studies. He also received an Eastern College Athletic Conference Merit Medal for academic scholarship and athletic achievement. Vargas is a senior majoring in criminal justice/sociology. He is the son of Israel Vargas of Agawam.

Karen Horniak received a Division of Nursing award for achievement in nursing leadership. She is a senior majoring in nursing. Horniak is the daughter of Janet B. Davies and the late David A. Davies of Agawam. Her husband is David Horniak of Agawam, and they have two children.

American International College is a private, four-year, coeducational institution founded in 1885. The College offers more than 30 majors in the schools of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Psychology and Education, and the divisions of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Nursing. He is the son of Israel Vargas of Agawam.

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JENNika PEELER



MARCEL Y. BLAIS

Marcel Y. Blais Graduates Magna Cum Laude From Fairfield

Last month, Marcel Y. Blais was among the 1,050 students in the graduating class of 1999 who were presented with their degrees during the 49th commencement of Fairfield University, a Jesuit university founded in 1942 in Fairfield, Connecticut.

A resident of Feeding Hills and the son of Yvon and Rose Blais, he majored in Mathematics with minors in Computer Science, Economics, and Business. He graduated Magna Cum Laude as a four-year Presidential Scholar, participated in the Honors Program, and attained the Dean's Honor List for eight consecutive semesters. Blais was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa this spring. He was also active as the President of the Math Honor Society, and was associated with WVOF (the University radio station) as a disc jockey and Heavy Metal director.

In the summer of 1998, he completed a successful internship with MERCER of Connecticut, working in the Actuarial Department. A graduate of St. Thomas Elementary School in West Springfield and St. Mary's High School in Springfield, Blais plans to attend graduate school at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

He has been awarded a Fellowship at Cornell to attain his PhD in Applied Mathematics. He will begin his Teaching Assistantship in late August of this year.



DANIEL VARGAS



KAREN HORNIAK

Michael McCormick Graduates From Johnson & Wales

Michael McCormick, son of William and Linda McCormick of Agawam, was one of 3,820 students who were awarded their undergraduate degrees at Johnson & Wales University's 85th graduation exercises last month in Providence, Rhode Island.

A Culinary Arts major, McCormick received an Associate Degree in Applied Science and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Johnson & Wales — America's Career University — was founded in 1914. It is a private, non-profit, accredited institution offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs in business, foodservice, hospitality, and technology.

With an enrollment of more than 11,500 students, Johnson & Wales is based in Providence, Rhode Island, and maintains campuses in Charleston, South Carolina; Norfolk, Virginia; North Miami, Florida; Denver (2000), Vail, Colorado; Worcester, Massachusetts; and Gothenburg, Sweden.

Deborah J. McKenna Initiated Into Kappa Delta Pi At UMass

Deborah J. McKenna, daughter of Debbie and Mike McKenna of Butternut Drive, Agawam, has been initiated into Kappa Delta Pi at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society for students who intend to continue in the field of education. The society promotes professional fellowship among its members and develops professional growth by honoring achievement in educational work.

McKenna is a member of the Class of 1999 majoring in English and secondary education at the University, where she is a Dean's List student and a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Secondary Teacher Education Program.

She graduated from Agawam High School in 1995.

Karen Bottasso Earns Master's In Speech-Language Pathology

Karen Bottasso, daughter of George and Alice Bottasso of Feeding Hills, received her Master's of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Colorado at Boulder on May 14th. While at the University, she was a Teaching Assistant and a Research Assistant and presented her research on language development in Spanish-speaking households at the San Antonio American Speech, Language and Hearing convention.

During her last semester, she completed internships with the Yale New Haven Medical Center and the Public School System on Martha's Vineyard.

Bottasso is a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School and received her undergraduate degree with honors in Communication Disorders with a minor in Spanish from the University of Massachusetts in 1997. She has accepted a position as a bilingual speech pathologist at the North Shore Children's Hospital.

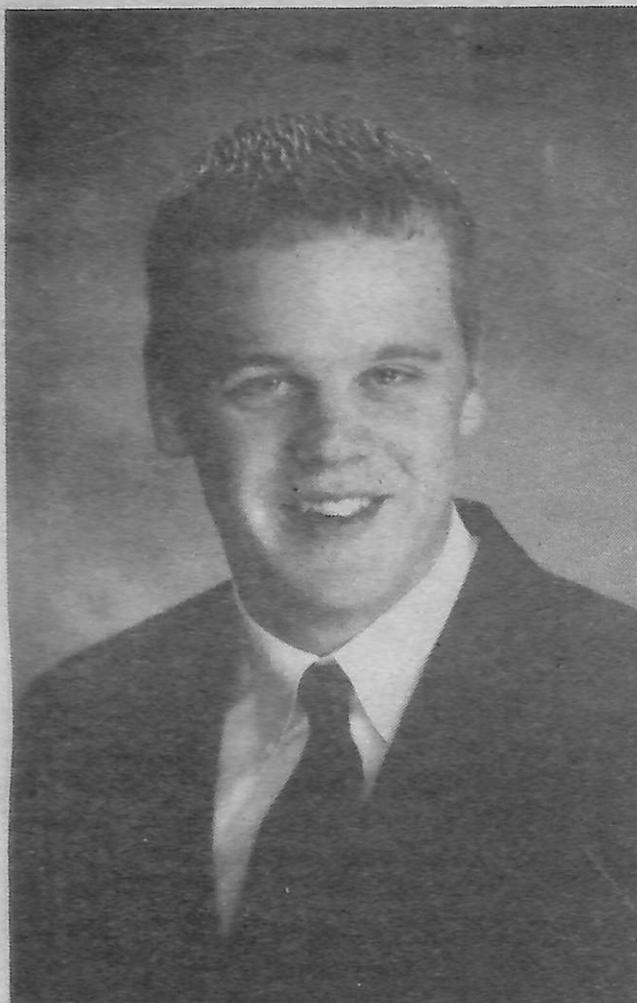
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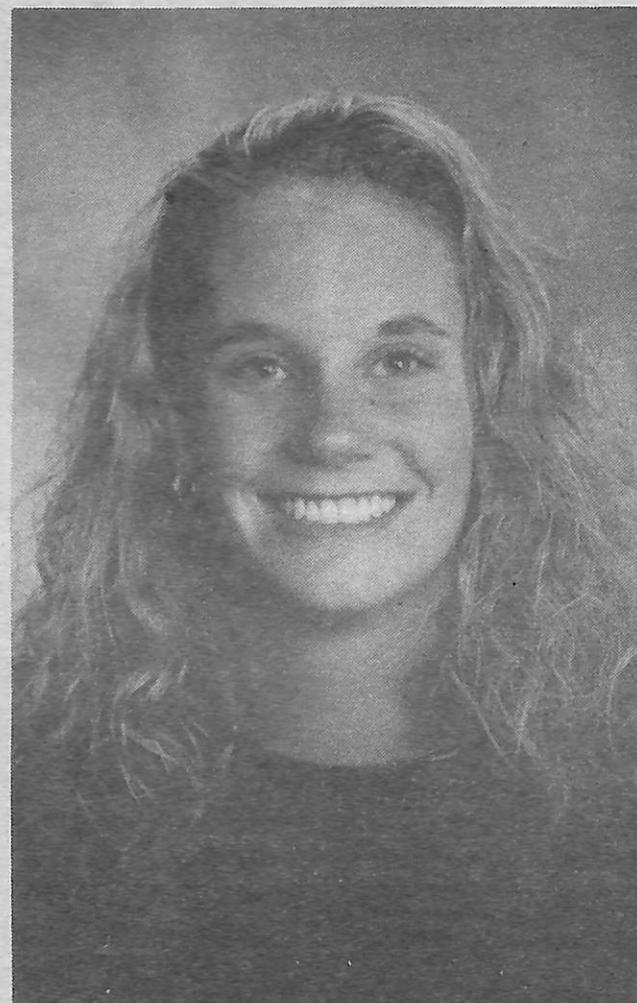
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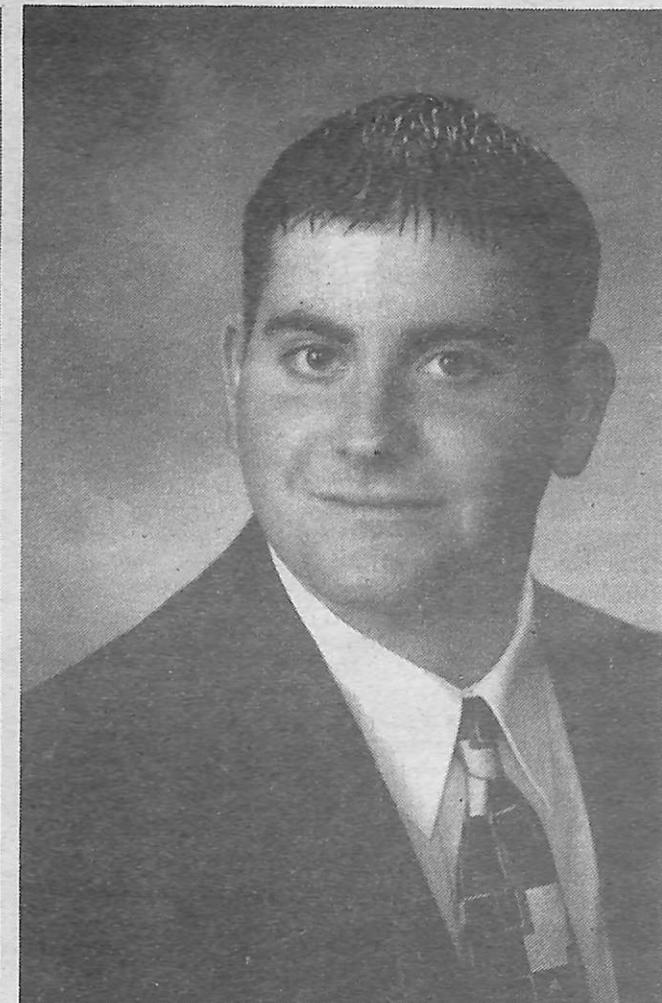
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TODD J. BOSKIEWICZ



LISA A. MAGNACCA



CARMINE A. BATTISTA

Area Students Graduate From Merrimack College

Merrimack College held its 49th annual Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 16th. A total of 524 degrees were granted by Merrimack President Richard J. Santagati.

Among those who received degrees were the following area residents:

Carmine A. Battista of Agawam, B.S. in Business Adm. (Management); **Todd J. Boskiewicz** of Feeding Hills, B.S. in Business

Adm. (Accounting); and **Lisa A. Magnacca** of Feeding Hills, Bachelor of Arts (Psychology).

Merrimack College is a private Catholic college located in North Andover, Massachusetts. Founded in 1947 by the Order of St. Augustine, Merrimack prides itself on providing high-quality undergraduate education centered around the liberal arts with strong emphasis placed on professional training and development.

Its 220-acre campus (located in the heart of the Merrimack Valley) is home to students from 29 states and 25 countries.

Merrimack College was selected as a top tier regional liberal arts college and as a "Best Value" in *U.S. News and World Report's* 1998 Best College guidebook. Visit its web site at www.merrimack.edu.



LYNN CARRA

Lynn Carra Graduates Cum Laude From Westfield State College

Lynn Carra, daughter of Richard and Jeanne Carra of Agawam, recently graduated cum laude from Westfield State College, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Psychology.

Carra is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education, and Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

Brian DeNardo Awarded Bachelor's From Boston College

Brian DeNardo, son of Thomas and Julia DeNardo of 13 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in the field of finance and economics at the 123rd commencement of Boston College on May 24th.

The commencement speaker was United States Energy Secretary Bill Richardson. Richardson was among those awarded honorary degrees by the university, which were presented by Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, 25th president of Boston College. More than 3,000 graduates received degrees.

DeNardo is a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School. His undergraduate activities at Boston included the Student Admissions Program and the Appalachia Volunteers of Boston College, an organization that sends over 500 students per year to the Appalachia Mountain ranges to assist the less fortunate over spring break.

Local Students Earn Degrees From Framingham State

On Sunday, May 23rd, Framingham State College held its Commencement on the Village Green in Framingham Centre, MA.

A total of 163 students received the degree of master of arts, master of education, and master of science. A total of 509 students graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, or bachelor of science in education.

Among the 1999 graduates were the following local students:

Nicole B. Sawyer of Agawam, Bachelor of Science in Food & Nutrition, and **Kate E. Vivenzio** of Feeding Hills, Bachelor of Arts in English.



NICOLE M. GOSSELIN

Nicole M. Gosselin Graduates From The UNC's Nursing College

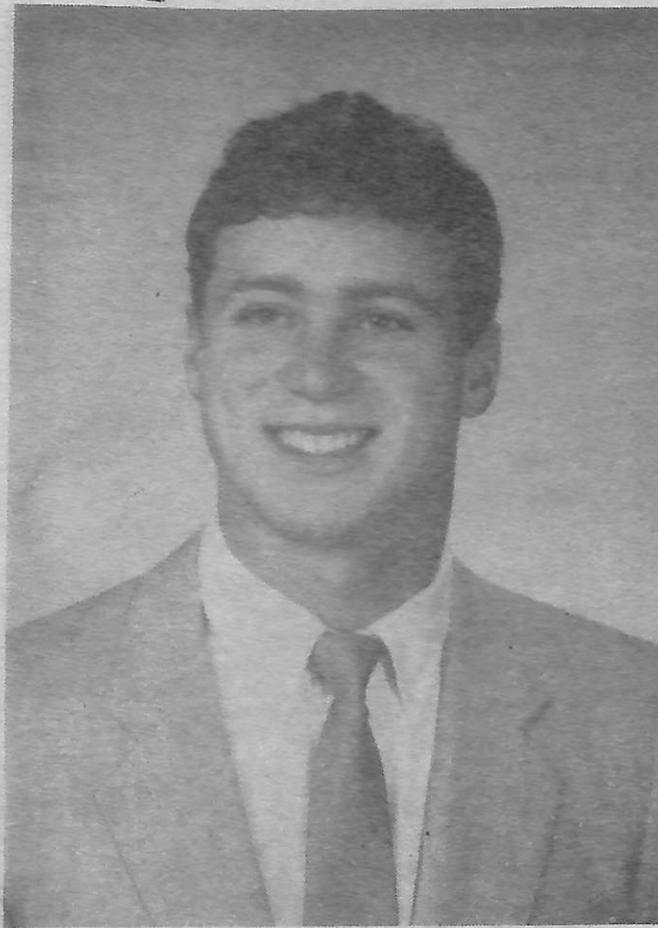
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gosselin of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Nicole M. Gosselin, from the University of North Carolina, College of Nursing.

Nicole graduated with honors, Magna Cum Laude, and plans to pursue a career in pediatrics.

The Agawam Advertiser News' "Graduation" issue is an annual tradition.



Graduation 1999 - continued...



MICHAEL J. DAPONDE

Michael J. Daponde Graduates From McGeorge Law School

Michael J. Daponde, a 1985 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1989 graduate of Syracuse University, recently graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law with Great Distinction.

In addition to graduating with Great Distinction, Daponde accomplished the following at McGeorge:

Received a Certificate in Governmental Affairs; earned a class rank of five out of 239; had a 3.61 grade point average; made the Dean's Honor Roll for all three years (1996-1999); was inducted into the Traynor's Honor Society; and was awarded The Order of the Coif.

He was also a staff writer for the **McGeorge Law Review**, and Chief Editor of the California Initiative Review.

Daponde has already obtained a position with a large law firm, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, in Sacramento, California, where he resides. He is married, and he and his wife are expecting a child in October.

Daponde is the son of Karen (Book) Daponde of Agawam and the late Anthony Daponde, and the grandson of Arthur and Ernestine Book, also of Agawam.

Anthony J. Rose Receives BS Degree From Bryant College

Last month, Bryant College held its 136th Commencement, and among the 1999 graduates was Anthony J. Rose of Feeding Hills, who received a Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Finance.

Bryant College, located 12 miles outside of Providence in Smithfield, Rhode Island, has been recognized as one of the leading business colleges in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Barron's*. Bryant enrolls more than 3,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students.

In addition, more than 10,000 business people representing 1,800 firms annually take advantage of Bryant's continuing education programs and corporate outreach efforts.

The college is among 12 percent of business colleges nationwide that are accredited by the AACSB - The International Association for Management Education.

For copies of photos of 1999's scholarship and award recipients at AHS, please contact Jack Devine at 789-0053.

John A. Davison IV Earns Bachelor's From Clarkson Univ.

John A. Davison IV, son of Ms. Anna Davison of Feeding Hills, graduated from Clarkson University during its 106th commencement on May 16th.

Davison received a Bachelor of Science with Distinction in Computer Science.

He was among more than 500 students from 22 states, 16 countries, and 61 of New York's counties to receive their degrees this spring. Four-thousand parents, relatives, and friends attended the ceremony on the University's campus in Potsdam, New York.

In addition, Davison was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 1999 semester at Clarkson. Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average (GPA) and carry at least 14 credit hours.

Clarkson University is an independent institution located in northern New York, in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. The University has 2,749 graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in its schools of Business, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Science.

Agawam Students Graduate From Quinnipiac College

The following Agawam residents were among those students who graduated from Quinnipiac College last month:

Katie Jean LaBreck, BS (Marketing), and Judith Nancy Schachte, MHS (Master Phys. Assist.).

Quinnipiac College is a private, coeducational, non-sectarian institution located 90 miles north of New York City and two hours from Boston.

The college has 250 full-time faculty and enrolls nearly 4,000 full-time undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students in more than 50 undergraduate and 13 graduate programs of study in Business, Health Science, Law, Liberal Arts, Education, and Communications.

Quinnipiac consistently ranks among the top northern regional universities in *US News and World Report's America's Best Colleges*. For more information, visit www.quinnipiac.edu.



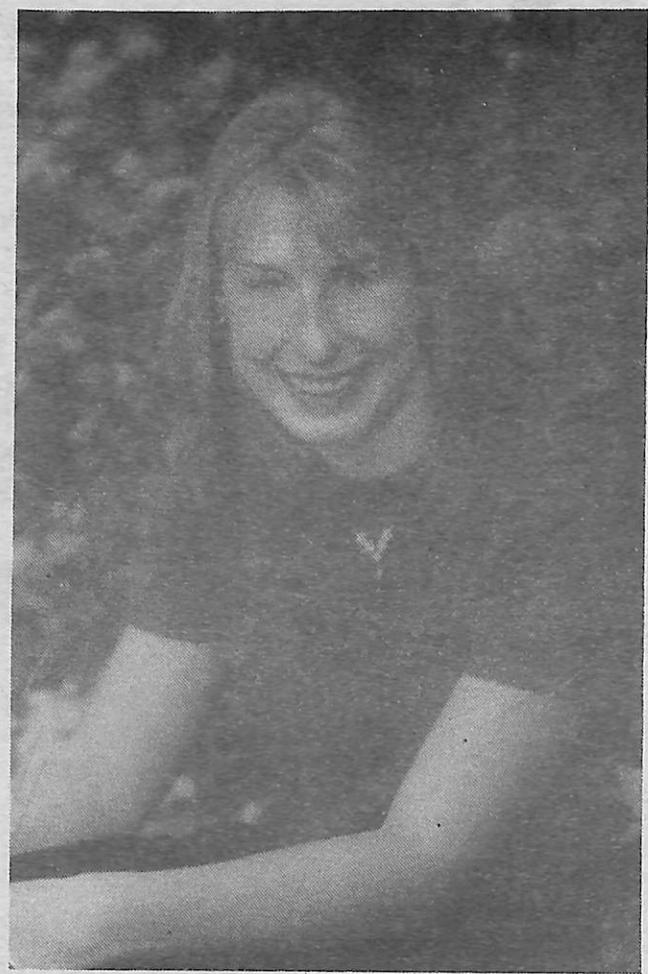
VANESSA CARTER

Vanessa Carter Receives Degree From U. Of Central Florida

Ronald and Judy Carter of 1056 Northwest Street, Feeding Hills, are pleased to announce their daughter Vanessa Carter's graduation from the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Carter, a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services Administration, which also included Gerontology Certification. She earlier graduated and received Associate degrees from Holyoke Community College and Daytona Beach Community College.

She is currently employed by Memorial Health Systems and is working at Memorial Family Health Center in Practice Management. She resides in South Daytona, Florida.



BETH MARIE MEAGHER

Beth Marie Meagher Graduates From Smith College

Beth Marie Meagher, daughter of Frank and Carol Meagher of Feeding Hills, received a bachelor of arts degree from Smith College in Northampton on Sunday, May 16th.

She was one of 704 seniors who graduated during the college's 121st commencement exercises, at which Jane Alexander, award-winning actress, producer, writer, and former chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, was the featured speaker.

A 1995 graduate of Agawam High School, Meagher majored in Psychology at Smith.

Her undergraduate activities included college orchestra and student liaison for the psychology department. She also worked for Professor Randy Frost, PhD, conducting research on the relationship between compulsive gambling and obsessive compulsive disorder.

This fall, Meagher will be pursuing her MA/PhD in Psychology at North Carolina State University, concentrating in Human Resource Development.

Consistently ranked among the best liberal arts colleges in the United States, Smith enrolls 2,800 women in its undergraduate degree programs.

Local Students Graduate From Fitchburg State

More than 930 bachelor's and master's degrees were awarded recently at Fitchburg State College's 103rd commencement exercises, as thousands of parents, friends, and relatives attended the ceremony on the college quadrangle.

Among this year's graduates were the following area residents:

Lynn A. Agrapides of Agawam, B.A. in English/Professional Writing, and **Kimberly M. Graveline** of Feeding Hills, B.S. in Nursing.

Jenni Manfredi Earns Bachelor's At UMass Dartmouth

Jenni Manfredi of Agawam was among the 1,200 recent graduates of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Manfredi received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

This year marked UMass Dartmouth's 99 commencement exercises, which were held in the university's Vietnam Veterans' Peace Memorial Amphitheater on Sunday, June 6th.



Graduation 1999 - continued...



SARAH HART

Sarah Hart Awarded Bachelor's Degree At UMass At Amherst

Sarah Hart was recently awarded a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She is the daughter of Greg and Nancy Hart of Hartland Hollow Road, Granville.

Hart is the granddaughter of former Agawam residents Paul and Shirlee (Balboni) Harrison of Honey Pot Road, Southwick. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Fernando Balboni (also formerly of Agawam) and the late Mr. Balboni.

During her junior year of college, Hart was a student at the University of Seville in Spain.



Mayor Christopher Johnson congratulates Sean Metz.

Area Students Receive Degrees From Elms College In Chicopee

The following Agawam and Feeding Hills students received their bachelor degrees at Elms College's commencement exercises on May 23rd:

From Agawam

Susan Mondor with a degree in psychology; **Josephine Smith** with a degree in business management; and **Karen Stickney** with a degree in social work.

From Feeding Hills

Sara Kendall with a degree in social work, and **Elizabeth Rosati** with a degree in social work (she is the daughter of Margery Bourdeau of Feeding Hills).

The following Agawam students received their master's degrees from Elms:

Natasha Gerasimchuk with a Master of Teaching with a concentration in elementary education, and **Kristen Oberheim** with a Master of Education.

Cheri Kahle Earns Degree From Stonehill College In Easton, MA

Cheri Kahle of Feeding Hills was among the 1999 graduates who recently received their degrees from Stonehill College.

Stonehill College, a four-year liberal arts institution, was founded in 1948. The College is located on a 375-acre campus in historic Easton, MA.

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For copies of photos of 1999's scholarship and award recipients, please contact Jack Devine at 789-0053.

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CLAUDINE T. NOFTALL

Claudine T. Noftall Awarded Degree Of Juris Doctor

Claudine T. Noftall was awarded the degree of Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Loyola University Chicago School of Law on May 22nd. The graduation ceremonies took place at the Lake Shore Campus in the Joseph J. Gentile Center.

While at Loyola, C.T.'s concentration was in Child Advocacy. She was the Articles Editor of the Children's Legal Rights Journal. She won the National Juvenile Law Moot Court Competition in Costa Mesa, CA. She also served as a tutor for First Year property students.

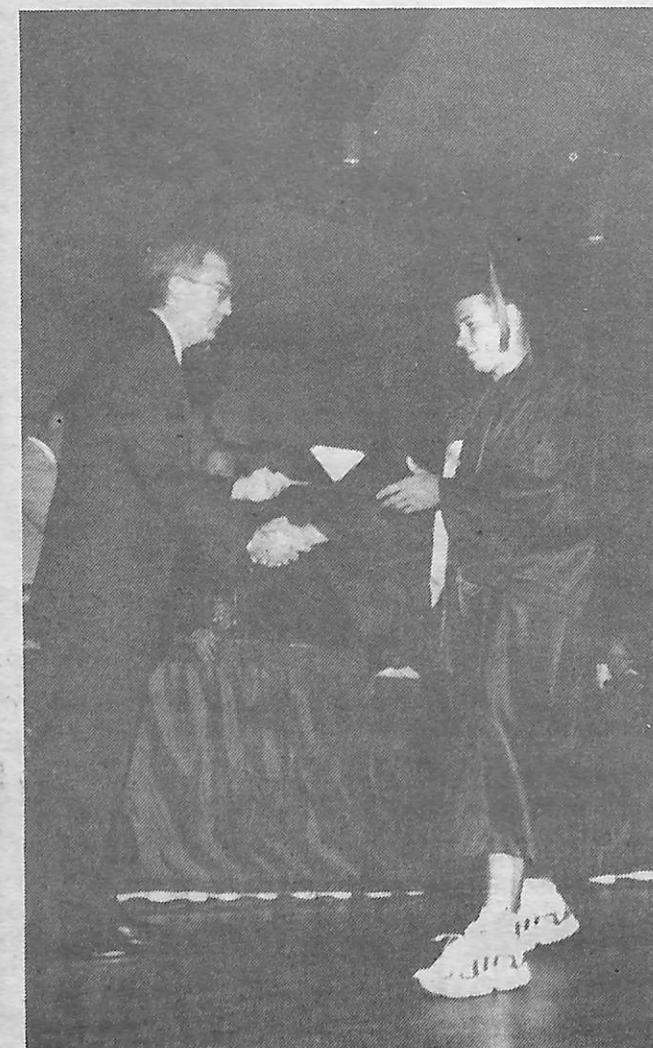
While in law school, C.T. worked as a clerk for William J. Harte, Ltd., and the City of Chicago Department of Law. She was also active in the Chicago community, where she assisted in the coordination of the "Principal for a Day" Program.

She plans to sit for the Bar in July in both Illinois and Massachusetts. She has accepted a position as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago.

C.T. is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School and she received her Bachelor's Degree in Regular and Special Education from Boston University in 1994. She was a Special Education teacher at the John F. Kennedy Middle School in Northampton before pursuing her Juris Doctor at Loyola University.



Michael O'Connor shakes hands with Mayor Christopher Johnson.



Mayor Christopher Johnson presents a diploma to Christopher Rousseau.



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